Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long will it take to apply for assistance using CommonHelp?

A: It takes most applicants between 20 to 40 minutes.

Q: Which programs can I apply to using CommonHelp?

A: Five programs are currently available through CommonHelp:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

(Also called TANF) Provides temporary cash assistance or money payments to eligible low income families with children who meet other certain requirements

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(Also called SNAP) Provides assistance in the form of an EBT (debit like) card, for eligible households to buy food

Medical Assistance

(Also called MA) Helps to cover doctor visits, hospital visits, mental health, and prescriptions

Energy Assistance

(Also called EA) Provides assistance to households with heating and cooling expenses and assists with some heating emergencies

· Child Care

Helps to cover costs of child care for work or other approved activities

Q: How long will my application be saved?

A: CommonHelp gives you 60 days from the last update to complete an application.

