How Do I Apply for Food Assistance Benefits in Michigan?

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

You must complete an application to apply for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. The day the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office serving the county or district where you live receives your signed application may affect the date your benefits begin. The process is started in one of the following ways:

- Apply online 24 hours a day, seven days a week at https://www.mibridges.michigan.gov/access. If the application is filed online after the close of business (such as weekends, holidays, after 5:00 p.m. on business days), the date of application is the following business day.

- An application form is available online at www.michigan.gov/dhs-forms or at an MDHHS office in your area.

  ○ Bring, mail or fax your assistance application to the MDHHS office in your area. The address and phone number of the office in your area is found in a phone book under the state government section, or online at www.michigan.gov/dhs-countyoffices.

When your application is received, MDHHS will schedule a telephone interview. The application should be processed within 7 days if you meet faster service rules or 30 days from the date your signed application is received in the MDHHS office serving the area where you live.

You may be asked to provide various types of documents such as proof of:

- Identity.

- Income.

- Housing and utility expenses.

MDHHS will send you a list of other documents if needed.