

Is your child enrolled in Medicaid?



If so, they may be eligible for the 2025 SUN Bucks!

North Carolina's newest food assistance program, SUN Bucks, will return in summer 2025! SUN Bucks is a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that provides grocery-buying benefits in a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child on a debit-like card that can be used to buy nutritious food during the summer months when schools are out.

▶ Who qualifies for SUN Bucks through Medicaid participation?

As a baseline requirement, a child must: 1) Have an active Medicaid case at any point between July 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025 **AND** 2) Have a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

In addition to this, the child must meet **at least one** of the following to automatically qualify for SUN Bucks:

- The child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), **OR**
- The child is between the ages of 7 and 16 years old (birth date between July 2, 2007 and August 31, 2018).

Children who automatically qualify do not need to complete a SUN Bucks application.

If a child does not automatically qualify for SUN Bucks through Medicaid, they may still be eligible. Visit ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information and use the SUNNY Chatbot's "Eligibility Quiz" at the bottom right corner to see if your child qualifies and whether you need to apply. To find out if a school participates in NSLP or CEP, use the SUN Bucks 2025 School Search tool at ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks-schoolsearch.

▶ When and how will benefits be issued?

SUN Bucks issuances will occur on a rolling basis from mid-May 2025 through September as children are determined eligible.

Children who qualify for SUN Bucks through Medicaid will be mailed a SUN Bucks card to the address associated with their Medicaid case. To ensure your card is delivered to the correct address, update your contact information with your caseworker before March 31, 2025. **If a child has Medicaid and is in foster care**, a SUN Bucks card will be mailed to the child's county DSS office. The child's Social Worker will help get the card to the child.

▶ Stay updated on SUN Bucks!

Visit ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information and Frequently Asked Questions. Follow @NCDHHS on Instagram and X (Twitter), and "NC Department of Health and Human Services" on Facebook (Facebook.com/ncdhhs) to stay in the loop for important program updates and announcements.



Any questions? To contact a SUN Bucks customer representative, families can dial **1-866-719-0141**, **select a language, and select option 2.**