



# Maryland Public Benefits Law Quick Tips

## May Include:

- ▶ Food Stamps (SNAP, TANF)
- ▶ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
- ▶ Social Security (SSI, SSDI)
- ▶ Medicaid
- ▶ Utilities Relief
- ▶ Unemployment Insurance



## Common Issues

- ▶ Eligibility requirements
- ▶ Applying for benefits
- ▶ Appealing a benefit determination
- ▶ Language and technology access

## Topic Information

- ▶ People's Law Library of Maryland - [peoples-law.org](http://peoples-law.org)
  - ▶ Research Topics → Government Benefits & Services
- ▶ Maryland Access Point 211 - <https://marylandaccesspoint.211md.org/>
- ▶ USA.gov - [usa.gov/benefits](http://usa.gov/benefits)
- ▶ Nolo, Legal Encyclopedia - [nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia](http://nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia)
  - ▶ Use key terms in the search engine, limiting your search to Articles only

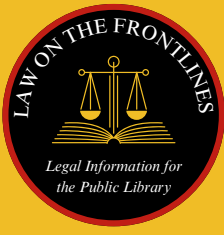


## Referrals

- ▶ People's Law Library of Maryland Legal Services Directory - [peoples-law.org/directory](http://peoples-law.org/directory)
- ▶ Maryland Legal Aid - [www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)
- ▶ Disability Rights Maryland - [disabilityrightsmd.org](http://disabilityrightsmd.org)

## Applications

- ▶ MyMDTHINK - Gateway to Health & Human Services - [mymdthink.maryland.gov/home](http://mymdthink.maryland.gov/home)
- ▶ Maryland Department of Health - Local Depts. of Social Services - [Health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Listing-of-Local-Departments-of-Social-Services.aspx](http://Health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Listing-of-Local-Departments-of-Social-Services.aspx)



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## Quick Tips

### Which Law?

Public Benefits topics are governed by state and federal law.

Most programs are founded at the federal level and managed at the state level. Often, public benefits issued are handled as an administrative matter, rather than through the courts, although judicial review may be available. Judicial review is when a Maryland Circuit Court reviews an administrative agency decision.

### Primary Sources



- MD Code, Human Services Article
- MD Code, Labor & Employment Article
- COMAR 07. Department of Human Services
- COMAR 09. Department of Labor
- Maryland Rules, Title 7. Appellate Review in Circuit Court

Primary Sources are accessible through  
Gateway to MD Law: [mdcourts.gov/lawlib](http://mdcourts.gov/lawlib)

### Best Practices

Rephrase the question

Gather details (who, what, when, where, other)

Identify the type of need (info, law text, legal assistance, govt. service forms)

Identify the broad topic & terms

Locate descriptive sources (about the law - secondary sources)

Find applicable law if needed (primary source)

Find referrals