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August 2020 Topics

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- Emergency SNAP Benefits Extended
- Emergency Benefits for Hurricanes Hanna and Laura
- Limited Visitation at Long-Term Care Facilities
- \$1.1 Billion for Nursing Home Improvements
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- Foster Grandparent Program
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- Medicaid Coverage
- Austin State Supported Living Center Hiring

Pandemic EBT Food Benefits

[Texas families now have until Aug. 21 to apply for food aid to make up for school meals](#)

Stacy Fernandez
KTRK-TV Houston
August 3, 2020

[Food benefit for children in low-income families extended to Aug. 21](#)

Kelsey Bradshaw
Austin American-Statesman
August 3, 2020

[Apply now for federal COVID-19 aid program offering \\$285 per child for eligible families affected by school closures](#)

Kristi Nix
Houston Chronicle
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[Apply for free or reduced-priced meal benefits](#)

Maria Aguilera
KCEN-TV Waco
August 18, 2020

[Friday the last day for qualifying families to apply for P-EBT benefits](#)

Candy Rodriguez
KXAN-TV - Austin
August 21, 2020

Emergency SNAP Benefits Extended

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Mike Williams
The Graham Leader
August 4, 2020

[Pandemic food benefit deadline extended](#)

Kathryn Eastburn
Galveston County Daily News
August 5, 2020

[Deadline to apply for one-time pandemic food aid is Friday](#)

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Galveston County Daily News
August 16, 2020

[Gov. Abbott extends emergency SNAP benefits through August as coronavirus pandemic continues](#)

Abigail Rosenthal
Houston Chronicle
July 31, 2020

[Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension Of Emergency SNAP Benefits For The Month Of August](#)

San Marcos Corridor News
July 31, 2020



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Emergency Benefits for Hurricanes Hanna and Laura

[HHSC receives federal approval to provide replacement SNAP benefits to those affected by Hurricane Hanna](#)

Elizabeth Evans
KTBC-TV Austin
August 3, 2020

[Abbott announces approval for SNAP benefit replacements in Valley counties following hurricane](#)

KRGV-TV Weslaco
August 3, 2020

[For some, SNAP help follows Hurricane Hanna](#)

Brownsville Herald
August 3, 2020

[Texas SNAP recipients can apply over phone for food lost due to Hurricane Laura](#)

KXAN-TV - Austin
August 29, 2020

[Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Federal Approval For SNAP Benefit Replacements Due to Hurricane Laura](#)

The Orange Leader
August 28, 2020

[COVID-19, Natural Disasters Take Toll on Texans' Mental Health](#)

Roz Brown
Public News Service
August 28, 2020

Limited Visitation at Long-Term Care Facilities

[Texas to allow limited visitation in nursing homes with no active coronavirus cases](#)

Sarah Champagne and Emma Platoff
Texas Tribune
August 6, 2020



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[Texas Health & Human Services Commission to allow limited visitation at nursing, long-term care facilities](#)

KTAB-TV Abilene
August 6, 2020

[Texas to begin allowing visitation at nursing homes with no active COVID-19 cases](#)

Lauren McGaughy
Dallas Morning News
August 6, 2020

[Texas Approves Limited Visitation at Nursing, Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

KXAS-TV - Dallas/Fort Worth
August 5, 2020

[Some Texas nursing homes residents can now have visitors after five months apart](#)

Emily Foxhall
Houston Chronicle
August 6, 2020

[You can visit your loved ones at nursing homes in Texas again](#)

Cory McCord
KHOU - Houston
August 6, 2020

[Texas long-term care center can receive visitors — with limitations](#)

Kerrville Daily Times
August 8, 2020

[Texas to allow limited reopening of nursing homes to visitors](#)

Julie Chang
Austin American-Statesman
August 7, 2020

[How visits to Texas nursing homes, assisted-living facilities will work under new coronavirus guidelines](#)

LaVendrick Smith, Aria Jones and Catherine Marfin
Dallas Morning News
August 13, 2020



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\$1.1 Billion for Nursing Home Improvements

[Abbott, HHSC Secure \\$1.1B In Federal Funding For Nursing Facilities, Secure COVID Testing For Harris County](#)

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August 10, 2020

[Texas nursing facilities to receive \\$1.1 billion for quality improvements, Gov. Abbott says](#)

Tierra Smith
KPRC-TV Houston
August 7, 2020

Child Care COVID-19 Data Posted Online

[HHSC to post COVID-19 data for child care operations](#)

KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station
August 20, 2020

[In shift, Texas begins publishing some data on coronavirus cases at child care centers](#)

Aliyya Swaby and Emma Platoff
Texas Tribune
August 20, 2020

[Texas Health Department Now Tracks Day Care Facilities With COVID-19 Cases](#)

Scott Friedman and Eva Parks
KXAS-TV - Dallas/Fort Worth
August 20, 2020

[Data on COVID-19 cases in Texas childcare centers released to the public](#)

Jaclyn Ramkissoon
KXAN-TV - Austin
August 20, 2020



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[Here's how you can find out whether your child's daycare has had a COVID-19 case](#)

Mariah Medina
KENS-TV San Antonio
August 21, 2020

[You can now track COVID cases in Texas daycares](#)

Teresa Woodard
WFAA - Dallas/Fort Worth
August 21, 2020

Foster Grandparent Program

[Foster grandparents use technology to connect with Houston-area kids](#)

Janelle Bludau
KHOU - Houston
August 14, 2020

[Texas volunteers using their free time to be foster grandparents to children in need](#)

Chloe Alexander
KHOU - Houston
August 12, 2020

Kerrville State Hospital Construction

[HHSC Kicks Off Construction Of New Maximum-Security Unit At Kerrville State Hospital](#)

San Marcos Corridor News
August 5, 2020

CARES Act Provider Relief Funds

[HHS extends application deadline for some provider relief funding](#)

Alia Paavola
Becker's Hospital Review
August 4, 2020



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[Health Care Providers Have More Time to Apply for Relief Funds](#)

Isobella Harkrider
Reform Austin
August 5, 2020

[Federal government extends deadline for Medicaid, CHIP providers to apply for CARES Act](#)

Erika Esquivel
KFOX 14 El Paso
August 5, 2020

[Federal COVID-19 money available through CARES Act Provider Relief](#)

Port Arthur News
August 6, 2020

[HHS extends Medicaid provider CARES Act funding application deadline — again; House passes HUD spending bill with \\$4.6 billion bump](#)

Lois A. Bowers
McKnight's Long Term Care News
August 3, 2020

[Governor Abbott, HHSC Extend Flexibilities For Medicaid, CHIP Providers During COVID-19 Response](#)

Texas Insider
August 4, 2020

Medicaid Coverage

[Need medical care coverage? Medicaid can be an option](#)

KSAT-TV San Antonio
August 24, 2020

Austin State Supported Living Center Hiring

[Who's hiring? Domino's Pizza and Austin State Supported Living Center](#)

Daranesha Herron
KVUE-TV Austin
August 21, 2020