

# **EBT CASH Expungement Timeline**

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#### **EXPUNGEMENT TIMELINE**

- The timeline for inactive EBT benefit expungement changed from 365 to 274 days (9 months) in a previous project 14790.
- Now, when an EBT benefit is inactive for 274 days, the EBT benefits are removed. After 229 days of inactivity (45 days before expungement), a Notice of Expungement (NOE) is sent to the client notifying them of the date benefits are set to expunge and what actions they can take to prevent expungement.
- Benefits will continue to be expunged each month until their EBT account is at a zero balance or until benefits are accessed with only one NOE being sent to the client addressing their initial expungement.

# Example Auto-generated CBMS Case Comments

**DAY 229** 

When a NOE is generated, this case comment will auto populate: "Notice of expungement mailed to client advising benefits are set to expunge on <date of expungement>.

**DAY 274** 

When benefits are expunged, this case comment will auto populate: "<\$ Amount> in Cash benefits were expunged from the associated EBT account.

#### STATE OF COLORADO

Date of Notice:

Client Name: [HOH Name]

[Date]

Client Address: [HOH Address]

CBMS Case#: [CBMS Case ID]

**Cash Notice of Expungement** 

#### Expungement Date: [Date expungement set to occur]

Any cash benefits issued to an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card and not accessed within 274 days from either the beenfit issuance date or the date of last activity, whichever is later, shall be expunged from the EBT card. Expungement is a process in which the State of Colorado is required to remove cash benefits from EBT cards after they are considered as unused or inactive (Rule citation: 9 CCR § 3.609.2.F.4 and 3.581.F.4).

Cash benefits issued to yoru EBT account are set to be removed on [Date expungement set to occur] due to account inactivity. To stop this from happening, you need to use your EBT card before [Date expungement set to occur]

NOTE: This notice is new in CBMS.

#### \*EXAMPLE

#### DAY 1

#### Cash Benefits Begin

On 7/1/2022, Cash benefits begin for Silas and are deposited into his EBT account.

#### DAY 229

#### **NOE Sent to Client**

By 2/16/2023, Silas hadn't used any of his Cash benefits. A NOE was autogenerated and sent advising benefits will be expunged 4/2/2023 if benefits are not used.

#### **DAY 236**

#### **Benefits Used**

On 2/28/2023 Silas used a portion of his Cash benefits at the grocery store.

#### RESET to DAY 1

## Expungement Date Reset

Since Silas used his benefits prior to his 4/2/2023 expungement date, his expungement timeline has been reset to day one.

#### DAY 229

#### **NOE Sent to Client**

By 10/16/2023, Silas hadn't used any of his Cash benefits. A NOE was auto-generated advising benefits will be expunged on 11/30/2023 if benefits are unused.

#### DAY 274

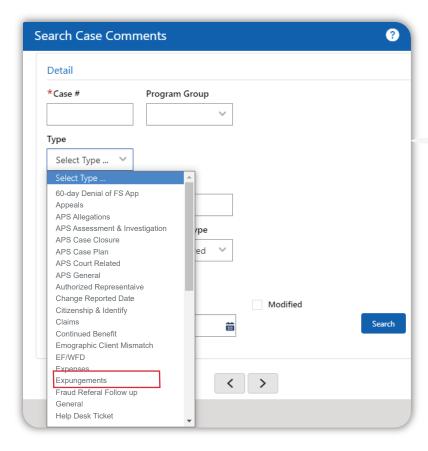
#### **Benefits Expunged**

By 11/30/2023, Silas still hadn't used any of his Cash benefits. Benefits are expunged.

\*Utilizing SNAP benefits does not stop the expungement timeline for Cash.

### **Maintain Case Comments Details**

You can now search case comments for expungement related information.





# Cash Notice of Action Approvals

New language was added to
CASH approval notices adivising clients
that they need to use their benefits
within 274 days to keep their benefits active.
If the benefit becomes inactive, those benefits
will be removed as shown in the timeline above.

