

# MAJOR CHANGE IN FOOD ASSISTANCE ISSUANCE DAYS

**CURRENTLY** - Food Assistance in Marion County loads on your card during one of the first **5** days of the month, as determined by your case number.

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 2014** - Food Assistance in OHIO, including Marion County, will load on your card during one of the first **20** days of the month, as determined by your case number. This change will be staggered and is explained below.

## New Issuance Schedule

Last Digit of Case #	Issuance Date
0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1	4 <sup>th</sup>
2	6 <sup>th</sup>
3	8 <sup>th</sup>
4	10 <sup>th</sup>
5	12 <sup>th</sup>
6	14 <sup>th</sup>
7	16 <sup>th</sup>
8	18 <sup>th</sup>
9	20 <sup>th</sup>

### The new issuance schedule is effective in April for:

- New Food Assistance groups
- Food Assistance groups that have a one day break in eligibility
- Food Assistance groups that move from one project area (usually a county) to another

### What is considered a new assistance group?

A "new assistance group" is created when: (a) an individual that is not known to CRIS-E applies for food assistance benefits; (b) an individual seeks to be included in his or her own food assistance group in the same case; (c) an individual moves out of a case and applies for food assistance with another case as an independent assistance group; or (d) an individual moves out of a case and applies for food assistance in his or her own case. *Cases may contain assistance groups with different issuance schedules.*

### What is considered a one-day break in eligibility?

A one-day break in eligibility is considered to occur when an assistance group has failed to take a required action. For example, when an assistance group does not complete a recertification timely and there is a one-day break in food assistance eligibility; or when the assistance group does not return verifications, an interim report, etc. during the certification as required and, during reinstatement, the assistance group experiences a one-day break in eligibility.

### What is considered an assistance group that has moved from one project area to another?

Any assistance group that moves from one project area (usually a county) to another that is required to file a new application will follow the new issuance schedule.