



Emergency Assistance – Household Establishment

Department of Social Services

Division of Family Independence| Temporary Assistance

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Household Establishment Assistance Application Requirements:

- **Application (LDSS-2921)**, unless you have also applied for Temporary Assistance (TA) within the last 30 days
- **Photo Identification** for all adult household members 18 and older
- **Birth Certificates & Social Security Cards** for anyone not receiving ongoing TA or SNAP benefits
- **Immigration Status** - if not a US Citizen (I-94, Permanent Resident Card, etc.)
- **Verification of household income and resources** for the last 4 weeks
- **Residence, household composition, and shelter expense verification**
- **Verification of circumstances surrounding your move**
- **Documentation regarding what happened to your previous furniture**

Emergency Assistance – Household Establishment of Furniture

If you are otherwise eligible for assistance, Erie County Department of Social Services (ECDSS) may assist you with a one-time payment to purchase essential household furniture/supplies, if:

(1) a qualifying condition exists

- a. an individual or family placed in temporary housing through ECDSS is now moving to permanent housing;
- b. a child is returned to a household;
- c. an adult is moving from an institution into an apartment in the community or with family;
- d. a living situation adversely affects the physical and mental health of an individual/family, which makes relocation to an unfurnished apartment essential in order to safeguard health, safety and well-being

and

(2) you do not receive ongoing Temporary Assistance or cash benefits. **If you receive TA, please apply with your worker directly.** Your worker's phone number can be obtained by calling (716) 858-8000, if needed.

If you have items in storage, you may apply with Emergency Services for assistance moving those items out of storage into your new apartment. This may be approved in place of a Household Establishment.