



Nutrition Information for Older Oconto County Adults

Food Stamp Rules

SPECIAL FOOD STAMP RULES FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED

Most food stamp (called “food share” in Wisconsin) rules apply to all households, but there are a few special rules for households that contain an elderly or disabled member.

Who is Elderly?

A person is elderly if he or she is 60 years of age or older.

Who is Disabled?

Generally, a person is considered to be disabled for food share purposes if he or she:

- Receives federal disability or blindness payments under the Social Security Act, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security disability or blindness payments, or
- Receives state disability or blindness payments based on SSI rules, or
- Receives a disability retirement benefit from a governmental agency because of a disability considered permanent under the Social Security Act, or
- Receives an annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act and is eligible for Medicare

or is considered to be disabled based on the SSI rules, or Is a veteran who is totally

disabled, permanently housebound, or in need of regular aid and attendance, or

- Is a surviving spouse or child of a veteran who is receiving VA benefits and is considered to be permanently disabled.

HOW CAN FOOD SHARE BE USED?

Food share coupons have been replaced by an electronic card that looks and functions just like a typical debit or credit

card used by any grocery shopper. You can use the card for food purchases at any store that displays a sign with a logo that says QUEST.

Food share may only be used for food and for plants and seeds to grow food for your household to eat. Seniors can also use them as a donation for home-delivered meals or for hot meals at elderly nutrition meal sites.

Food stamps can't be used to buy non-food items such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco,

or cigarettes, household supplies, soaps or paper products, medicines or vitamins. They also can't be used for ready-to-eat hot foods or for food eaten in the store.

To find out more about the Food Share Program in Oconto County, contact the Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services at 920-834-7000.