

**Special Payments; SNAP Employment and Training Programs**

In the SNAP program:

- (1) For purposes of this rule, a “contractor” means any third-party entity that holds a contract with the Department to provide Employment and Training (E&T) services.
- (2) The Department or *contractor* (see section (1) of this rule) may authorize special payments to participants participating in one of the three SNAP Employment and Training programs described in OAR [461-001-0020](#) for transportation and other costs identified in the participant’s *case plan* (see OAR [461-001-0020](#)) subject to the provisions of this rule.
  - (a) Costs must be directly related to an approved component in the *case plan* and be reasonable and necessary.
  - (b) The Department or *contractor* must consider lower cost alternatives.
  - (c) The Department or *contractor* may deny, reduce, or close special payments when costs exceed the local district's or contractor’s budget for employment and training.
  - (d) Special payments are not intended to replace other funding available in the community. The Department or *contractor* and the participant must seek resources reasonably available to the participant in order to comply with the requirements in the *case plan*.
  - (e) Funds may be used to pay for tuition and mandatory school fees charged to the general public. Funds may not be used to pay for state or local education entitlements.
  - (f) Special payments for *job retention* (see OAR [461-001-0020](#)) is only available if the individual was participating in a component other than *job retention* prior to securing employment.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS [409.050](#), [411.121](#), [411.816](#)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS [409.010](#), [411.121](#), [411.816](#), [411.825](#), [411.837](#), 7 USC 2015, 7 USC 2029, 7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24

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