

In January 2022, ED <u>announced</u> that institutions may use FAFSA information to help identify and communicate to students their possible eligibility for certain government programs created during the COVID-19 pandemic. The programs include the Emergency Broadband Benefit program, IRS Child Tax and Recovery Rebate Credits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance marketplaces, such as HealthCare.gov, and Medicaid, unemployment insurance, and housing assistance through the Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) and local Emergency Rental Assistance programs. While these are not direct disclosures of FAFSA data, and therefore not included in the flow chart, schools are permitted to use FAFSA data to conduct direct outreach to students about these programs.