

**CIRCULAR**

**Date:** January 07, 2025

**CIRCULAR NUMBER:** EIA #2025-02

**Alternate Programs:**

---

**To:** Program Managers

**Subject:** **Discontinuation of Social Allowance Health Services (SAHS) Cards**

**Reference:** 2012-67 – Social Allowances Health Services (SAHS) Health Cards

**Replaces:** 2013-13 Social Allowance Health Services (SAHS) Health Cards Update

---

**Type:** ☒ Policy ☐ For Internal Reference Only  
☒ Procedure  
☐ Rate  
☐ Information Only

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2025

---

The purpose of this circular is to advise staff that Social Allowances Health Services (SAHS) cards have been discontinued effective January 1, 2025.

Previously, income assistance participants who became eligible for Health Services (i.e., dental, optical, and prescription drugs) would receive a SAHS card to present to service providers. The SAHS card listed the income assistance participant's full name, date of birth, and EIA case number.

Effective January 1, 2025, physical SAHS cards will no longer be printed for any case categories. Income assistance participants will still be able to access Health Services by providing their EIA/MSPD case number to the dental, optical, or pharmacy service providers.

The eligibility duration for different case categories and process to receive health services are outlined by existing EIA policy Section 22.2.1.