**Alabama:**

SNAP 30 days

LIS 3 to 4 weeks

MSP 2 weeks

LIHEAP fluctuates depending on current funding

**Arizona:**

Between 2-3 weeks for SNAP, days for LIHEAP, days for any others.

(separate BEC)

Our benefits counselors here in Arizona see most core public benefits approved in one month or less.

**California:**

It takes an average of 3 weeks to receive Medicaid benefits in the County of San Diego.

(separate BEC)

Medi-Cal: (All apps) can take up to 90 days, however most of ours go through with in the normal time limit of 45 days as we attach most items they will need and give a list to the client to find the remainder they will need. We also hand carry over our apps and have them date stamped which helps the process.

Cal Fresh: Processed right away.

Extra help: is 2-3 weeks. Our Patient assistance for medications mostly take a week. We do all the forms and walk the client through every piece.

LIHEAP: we are not certain how long it takes as we send them to the official Community Action for processing. At times there are issues.

SSI and SSDI seem to go through without hiccups as I am very thorough of what I have the client bring in the way of records for SSDI.

(separate BEC)

In North California, it varies from one benefit to another. Below is the average time it takes to process the different core benefit application.

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| Benefit | Timeline to Process  | Reality |
| CalFresh (SNAP) | 30 days | 14 – 30 days |
| MediCal (Medicaid) | 45 days | 30 – 45 days  |
| LiHEAP | 12 to 16 weeks  | Depends on the funding |
| MSP | 45 days | 30 – 45 days |
| LIS | 45 days | 30 – 45 days |
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(separate BEC in southern California)

For foodstamps, it takes about 30 days. For MSP and Medicaid it is 6-8 weeks.

**Kansas:**

It is taking months in KS.

**Louisiana:**

We are able to see the determinations for SNAP and Medicaid. We have a relationship with the Department of Children and Family Services. We are a Gold Level Community Partner in the SNAP program and a Medicaid Application Center. After the application is submitted, the client should receive a phone interview within a week. Generally, there are no problems, so the client receives the benefit in another 10 days. So, less than 3 weeks is the normal interval. The clients are told that it can take from 30 to 45 days for the process. If a client is denied, we appeal and assist at the hearing (which is by phone).

**Maryland:**

The standard processing time for benefits according to COMAR policy here in Maryland is 30 days. There are some exceptions for food stamps if the client is eligible for "expeditable" FS (income <$100) then they can get them in about 24-48 hrs. Same for emergency rental assistance. Generally speaking, it's 30-45 days. But some extreme situations may warrant a shorter time.

**Michigan:**

Similar to North Carolina. For LiHEAP applications. In Michigan, it is administered as part of State Emergency Relief (SER): "With SER, they often hear back very quickly, within a few days." DHHS has 10 days to process these cases.

**Missouri:**

Our Family Support Division worker reports the same (as NY) for Missouri except that SNAP is 30 days.

**Montana:**

In Montana we have found that the applications for Medicaid, MSP and SNAP take up to six weeks for determination. LIS seems to average 4 weeks. LIEAP responds in about two weeks with an acknowledgement letter, but the letter also states that it could take up to 45 days for a determination.

**New Jersey:**

Paad and the MSP are the showing the best response. Anywhere from 2 weeks for Paad and up to 3 months to determine QI and SLMB. Medicaid takes about 2 months to determine in New Jersey. SNAP takes much longer depending on if the client has all the needed documentation. LIHEAP averages about a month. It seems to take longer to get a determination on a LIHEAP re-cert than it does an initial.

(separate BEC)

Any applications submitted to NJ the state we are located in usually takes anywhere from 6-8 weeks at times it can take up to 90 days depends on the situation.

**New Mexico:**

SNAP, LIHEAP, QMB, SLMB all within 30 days. Our Income Support Division is pretty good about that. Also, expedited cases are done within 24 hours for SNAP and LIHEAP.

Community Benefits Waiver (full Medicaid for those on Medicare based on ADL needs) process is typically 120-160 days – with us pushing the MCOs to conduct home visits and provide the authorizations and allocation tools for in-home health care.

**New York:**

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| **Benefit** | **Average Time from application to enrollment** |
| Medicaid | 30-45 days  |
| SNAP | 45 days  |
| MSP | 90 days |
| LIS Extra Help | 30-45 days  |

**North Carolina:**

In a perfect case, we expect approval or rejection three to four weeks later.

**Ohio:**

It takes about 30 days for SNAP and 45 days to 3 months for Medicaid in Ohio.

**Oregon:**

For the BEC here in Washington County Oregon, it’s taking about 30-45 days for state benefits.

**Texas:**

LIS 2 to 4 weeks if application was done online. Paper application 6 to 8 weeks.

MSP up to 28 days - seen approved in 20 days or less

Medicaid up to 28 days - seen approved within 2 weeks

SNAP up to 28 days; seen approved within days (just depends - some cases may take 10 days) also depends on phone interview - once phone interview is conducted within 2 to 3 days.

(separate BEC in Arlington)

MSP: The state has up to 45 days to process. I’m not aware of any trends for MSPs.

SNAP: We’re received approvals in as short as 2-3 weeks, but we’re not sure how consistently that happens.

LIS: Clients have gotten responses in as short as several weeks, but again, we’re not sure how consistently that happens.

**Virginia:**

Usually, for SNAP, it takes a month, but for Medicaid, it takes at least 45 days.

**Washington:**

KWA assists clients to apply for the core benefits (SNAP, Med, MSP) through WAconnection. After we assist client, we give interview information with the paper as below. (We have another language for this)

In WA, clients doesn’t have to make an appointment for the interview. They can visit DSHS office between 8:00 -2:00 from the next day of application submitted. Usually, KWA staff encourage applicants to go to DSHS as soon as possible. Most of KWA clients receive benefits in 2 weeks depends on interview date.

They can receive benefits right after the interview. If applicant cannot have an interview in specific reason, KWA does the interview for clients as an authorized representative and sends a fax any doc. they would need.

For LIS or LIHEAP: LIS application is through SSA.gov, it takes about 1 month and LIHEAP takes about 1-1 ½ month because there are a lot of people already made appt for interview.

**West Virginia:**

Extra Help-Usually about 2 weeks. (10 business days)

MSP- Processed from DHHR within 30 days of receiving application (But have seen it take up to 3 months)

SNAP, LIEAP, Medicaid-Within 30 days of receiving application