

Upcoming Changes to SNAP Benefits

Dear Partner,

People in your communities may have questions or concerns about [upcoming changes](#) to benefits they receive through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP or by another name depending on your state. Please find additional information below from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) about upcoming changes to SNAP benefits, in addition to available resources to support impacted customers.

- Beginning March 2023, [temporary boosts](#) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)'s benefits (known as emergency allotments) that were authorized by Congress to help low-income families deal with the food and economic hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic will end nationwide following the recent passage of the [FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill](#).
- [SNAP](#) is the nation's largest Federal nutrition assistance program. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, SNAP emergency allotments brought all SNAP households to the maximum benefit allowed by household size **or** provided SNAP households with a supplement of \$95/month (whichever was greater).
- Prior to the passage of the FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, Federal law required States to have an emergency or disaster declaration in place during an existing Federal public health emergency [declaration](#) in order to issue SNAP emergency allotments. Currently, [31 states](#) (including DC and Guam) are providing SNAP emergency allotments. [18 States](#) no longer have emergency or disaster declarations and, therefore, have already stopped issuing emergency allotments.
- For more information about what the end of SNAP emergency allotments means for you and/or the communities you serve, please visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/changes-2023-benefit-amounts>.
 - Please check out our latest infographic on forthcoming changes to SNAP benefits: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/2023-benefit-changes>
 - Please find our latest blog on upcoming changes to SNAP benefits: <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2023/02/08/snap-emergency-allotments-are-ending>
 - If you encounter questions about SNAP benefits from your customers, please have them contact their state or local SNAP agency. They can find their state or local SNAP agency contact information here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory>.
 - If you know families in need of additional support to put food on the table, local programs and partner organizations are available to help. Families can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE to speak with a representative who will find food resources such as meal sites, food banks, or other social services available near them.
