

# SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS ARE ENDING: IMPORTANT TALKING POINTS

## BACKGROUND:

- ★ In 2022, SNAP helped approximately **2.7 million people** in New York State put food on the table during tough times.
- ★ **One out of every 6 people** in the U.S. turned to the charitable food sector for help in 2021.
- ★ Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 in December 2022 that ended the additional emergency SNAP benefits. **February 2023 is the last month that supplemental EA benefits will be issued, and SNAP benefits will return to the normal amount in March 2023.**
- ★ This loss of benefits comes as families and individuals continue to face **higher prices** at the grocery store due to **inflation**.

## THE IMPACT:

- ★ This expiration will reduce SNAP benefits by an average of **\$90 per person, per month**.
- ★ After the pandemic-era increase to SNAP benefits ends in February, at least **\$2.5 billion per month in food purchasing power** will disappear from the American economy.
- ★ We know this will **exacerbate food insecurity for many people**, especially those who ordinarily (under non-pandemic circumstances) receive a relatively low SNAP benefit amount, such as **seniors**.
- ★ The end of this additional SNAP assistance will also **exacerbate the strain Food Bank of Central New York and their network of community partners are under**.

## ACTION STEPS:

- ★ We urge lawmakers to strengthen SNAP benefits in a more permanent and sustainable way in the 2023 Farm Bill.

If you or your household are **in need of food assistance or will be impacted by this reduction in SNAP benefits**:

- ★ Call **211 for Community Resources**, which is available 24 hours a day
- ★ Contact **Food Bank of Central New York's SNAP outreach team** to ensure you're maximizing deductions in your SNAP budget at (315) 437-1899
- ★ Use our **Food Finder tool** available at [fbcny.org/findfood](https://fbcny.org/findfood)

