

# SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS ARE ENDING: WHAT COMMUNITY AGENCIES SHOULD KNOW

## What are SNAP emergency allotments?

Since March 2020, Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. SNAP Emergency Allotments were issued to households in addition to their normal monthly SNAP benefit amount. As a result, households received more SNAP benefits each month than they would have normally been eligible for based on their income and expenses.

## Why are SNAP emergency allotments ending?

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.**

## How can you help?

Encourage households to report if they have experienced a loss of income or an increase in expenses, such as housing costs, childcare fees, child support payments or have allowable medical expenses over \$35 (for those age 60 or older, or disabled) to report these changes to their local department of social services as it may result in an increase in the household's normal monthly SNAP benefit.

## Please remind all SNAP recipients of the following:

Any unused SNAP benefits roll over month to month. SNAP benefits will not be removed from their card if benefits are used any time within 274 days. Households can check their SNAP benefit balance by visiting [www.connectebt.com](http://www.connectebt.com) or by calling 1-888-328-6399.



OTDA will never ask SNAP recipients for their EBT card number or PIN. Never give your card number or PIN to anyone who texts, emails or calls you asking for this information.

## For more information, please contact:

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