



Subject: Trump Administration Shutdown SNAP Update

Dear Customer,

Current Maryland SNAP customers have begun receiving benefits.

Most customers will receive benefits equal to at least half of their October SNAP benefit.

Maryland began issuing benefits to the maximum extent permitted by the federal government, or when not federally funded, issued state funds to fill the federal shortfall.

As the federal government votes to reopen, DHS will urgently continue to issue SNAP benefits as federal funds become available.

As of November 10, 2025, please see our modified Maryland SNAP issuance schedule:

Standard Issuance Date	When can customers use their SNAP benefits
November 4-November 12	Customers can use their benefits on 11/11.
November 13-November 17	Customers can use benefits on their normal issuance days, based on last names.
November 18-November 24	Customers can use benefits on their normal issuance days, based on last names.

What you need to know:

The Trump Administration stopped funding SNAP benefits on November 1, 2025 and is still trying to withhold funding for SNAP benefits, in part by refusing to comply with recent court orders commanding the Trump Administration to pay full November SNAP benefits.

On November 3rd, [Governor Moore issued an emergency order](#) to provide Maryland SNAP customers relief.

What is happening next:

Because of pending court cases involving SNAP benefits and constant confusing guidance from the federal government, we do not know when normal federal SNAP benefits will resume. DHS's goal is to issue federal SNAP benefits within days of a federal government reopening. We will update you on federal SNAP funding as we learn more.

We recognize the uncertainty from the federal government is a tremendous burden for Maryland families and we are working to ensure customers receive their SNAP benefits as quickly as possible.

We invite customers to continue to keep their information up to date, check their eligibility, and apply for help at MarylandBenefits.gov.

What if I have a pending SNAP application or if I am considering applying for SNAP?

DHS will continue to approve new SNAP applications as well as renewals, but the federal government will not pay benefits to customers who did not receive an approval notice dated before November 1, 2025.

New SNAP benefits cannot be paid until the Trump Administration reopens the federal government.

Will other cash benefits be impacted?

Other direct cash assistance programs like Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), Public Assistance to Adults (PAA), Emergency for Families with Children, and Refugee Cash Assistance will be delivered on schedule and are not currently impacted by the federal government shutdown.

Where else can I find help?

We invite Marylanders to lean on available resources, including:

- Food pantries and community kitchens including [the Maryland Food Bank](#) and [Capital Area Food Bank](#); Governor Moore directed \$10 million in food assistance to food banks and pantries.
- [211 Maryland](#);
- [Support in finding a new job](#) through 33 [American Job Centers](#) and a specialized [Professional Outplacement Assistance Center](#), including individualized career guidance, résumé workshops, mock interviews, career and skills assessment, effective job search strategies, and networking support;
- [Additional career resources](#), such as information on transitioning to a teaching career;

- [A weekly virtual workshop](#) designed specifically for former federal employees and federal contractors, and attended by more than 1,700 workers to date;
- [Job fairs and recruitment events](#);
- [Unemployment insurance](#);
- [Resources for veterans](#);
- [Legal resources](#); and
- Resources related to [health coverage](#), [housing](#), and [food, cash, and other assistance](#).

This is an evolving situation and we will share more information as it becomes available. Please call us with questions at 1-800-332-6347.

In service,

The Maryland Department of Human Services