

Maryland Restaurants Meals Program

GUIDELINES

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The Maryland Restaurant Meals Program (MD RMP) allows individuals who are homeless, elderly (age 60 or over), or disabled, and their spouse, to use their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase prepared meals at authorized restaurants.

MD RMP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

A restaurant interested in participation in MD RMP must meet the following requirements:

1. The restaurant must be approved by FNS to be an authorized SNAP retailer. To become SNAP authorized, the restaurant must complete form FNS-252-2 after which the form must be reviewed and approved by the Maryland Department of Human Services (MD DHS) before submitting to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service for authorization.
2. Must sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Maryland DHS.
3. Must offer meals at concessional prices.
4. Must be fully accessible to individuals who are disabled and have mobility limitations.
5. Must serve an area with an eligible population.
6. Must have an EBT processor in place for electronically identifying eligible recipients at the point-of-sale.
7. Must have more than 50% of total gross retail sales in hot and/or cold prepared foods.
8. May not be operating as a bar/tavern.
9. The restaurant must provide a health permit, seller's permit, business license, and corporation paper work, if applicable.
10. A copy of a government issued photo identification card and a copy of a Social Security card, or other verification of Social Security Number for
 - All owners/partners
 - All officer(s) of private corporations

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Disabled – SNAP participant's household must have only members who are designated as disabled by a government entity, or a disabled individual and his or her spouse.
- Elderly – 60 years of age or older, and his or her spouse.

- Homeless – The household must lack a fixed and regular nighttime residence or be living in a shelter, halfway house, or a place not designed for sleeping. This includes those who are temporarily staying in the home of another person 90 days or less.