

SNAP Emergency Allotments End in February



February is the last month Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients will receive the temporary emergency allotments that have been provided throughout the pandemic. Beginning in March, all SNAP households will receive their normal monthly SNAP benefit, for as long as they remain eligible.

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Emergency Allotment benefits that have been provided throughout the pandemic are ending in February, due to federal rules. These temporary benefits have provided an extra payment each month to ensure all SNAP households received at least the maximum monthly benefit.

When are SNAP Emergency Allotments ending?

The last month that SNAP Emergency Allotments will be issued is February.

Beginning in March, only regular monthly SNAP benefits will be issued to all eligible households. Your regular monthly benefit is based on your household size, income, and other factors.

What do I need to do?

Most households do not need to do anything. However, if your household has a loss of income or an increase in housing costs, childcare fees, or child support payments since your last recertification, report those changes to your local district. You should also report any medical expenses over \$35/month (if you are age 60 or older or disabled). These changes **may** result in an increase in your normal monthly SNAP benefit.

What else do I need to know?

Emergency Allotment benefits have been eliminated under federal law, and this decision cannot be changed by a fair hearing if you request one.

SNAP benefits roll over month to month and will remain on your card if you use your benefits any time within 274 days from when they are issued.

Keep your benefits safe – change your PIN often, and never give your card number or PIN to anyone.

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