

Extra SNAP is Ending

What you need to know

WHAT IS CHANGING?

The extra SNAP payment, officially called **Emergency Allotments**, will end in **February 2023**.

Starting in March, you will only get your regular SNAP payment loaded to your EBT card in the first half of the month.

There will be no second payment later in the month.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Without the extra SNAP, your benefit amount is based on your income and the expenses the program allows you to report.

You should report up-to-date information as soon as possible so that you are receiving all of the benefits you are eligible for.

MAKE SURE THE CAO HAS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Make sure you report important changes, like:

1) Your Address.

- You may miss important updates if the CAO does not have your current address.

2) Your income and the income of others in your SNAP household.

- Did you lose work hours or have your pay cut? If you are earning less, you may qualify for more SNAP benefits.

3) Your expenses and other allowable deductions.

- Are you paying more for child care?
- If you are a senior or have a disability, do you pay more than \$35 in medical expenses per month? Providing proof of these expenses may help you qualify for more SNAP. Learn more at cutt.ly/deductions.
- Did your rent, mortgage, or property taxes increase? In some cases, reporting this may help you qualify for more SNAP.

See next page for how to report changes and tips to prepare for this change



YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEND ALL OF YOUR SNAP

You can keep SNAP benefits on your EBT card as long as you want, so long as you use the card once every 9 months to keep it active. If you find that the extra SNAP is giving you a little more money for food than you need to spend, you can save it to spend in a later month, to provide a little wiggle room for when the second payments end in March 2023.

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REPORT A CHANGE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Call the Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 (PA) or 215-560-7226 (Philly only).
- Using the MyCOMPASS PA mobile app (free on the Apple App or Google Play Store).
- Using your MyCOMPASS account at www.compass.state.pa.us
- Visit your local County Assistance Office (CAO) to report changes in person. Look up your CAO at cutt.ly/philly-cao (Philly) or see a list of all CAOs in PA at cutt.ly/cao-list.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Find local resources including food pantries at findhelp.org.
- Phila, Bucks, and Chester counties: call the Coalition Against Hunger's SNAP Hotline at [215-430-0556](tel:215-430-0556) or fill out the online form at hungercoalition.org/snaphelp for help with your Application, SAR, or Annual Recertification.
- Community Legal Services can help if you live in Philadelphia and your SNAP is cut off or denied, or you think the benefit amount is wrong. Call [\(215\) 227-2400](tel:215-227-2400) for current hours.
- Pregnant or have kids under the age of 5? If you receive SNAP, you qualify for WIC. Learn more and start the application process at pawic.com.
- Seniors age 60 and up can get a box of food monthly through the Senior Food Box Program. Learn more at cutt.ly/seniorbox

