

Trump Administration Policy Suspends SNAP Benefits: What to Know

The Trump Administration has directed all states to **temporarily pause November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits** due to the ongoing federal government shutdown.

The Trump Administration has also stated that it will not use its authority to utilize the \$5-6 billion in available SNAP contingency funds to cover November benefits. The Administration has also indicated that it will **NOT** reimburse states that cover benefits during this period.

Congresswoman Shontel Brown strongly opposes these decisions. Alongside her Democratic colleagues in Congress, Congresswoman Brown is calling on the Administration to use USDA contingency funds to prevent a lapse in SNAP benefits.

What You Need to Know

- ➔ This pause will mean that **no new benefits will be loaded onto EBT cards in November** until the federal government reopens.
- ➔ **Any SNAP benefits already loaded on EBT cards remain available** and can still be used normally.
- ➔ Once funding resumes, **missed November benefits will be issued retroactively.**

How This Impacts Our Community

SNAP plays a vital role in helping families across Ohio's 11th Congressional District. About **1 in 5 households** in OH-11 rely on SNAP (about **75,000 households**)¹

¹ OH-11 SNAP stats source: USDA.gov

- This is by far the highest concentration in the state of Ohio
- **39%** have a child in the household
- **42%** have an elderly person in the household
- **51%** have a person with a disability in the household²
- OH-11 recipients receive a combined **\$29,865,886** in SNAP benefits every month, supporting local businesses where they buy food.³

What Rep. Brown is Doing

- Sent a letter to USDA calling on the federal government to use available USDA contingency funds to cover November benefits.
- Sent a letter to Governor DeWine calling on the state to use emergency funds to cover SNAP benefits if USDA funding expires.
- Introduced the Feed our Families Act, a bill that would prevent SNAP benefits from being impacted by government shutdowns.
- Repeatedly called on House Speaker Mike Johnson to re-open the House and negotiate with Democrats on a bipartisan deal. The House has not been in session since September 19.

What SNAP Recipients Can Do Right Now

1. **Keep your EBT Card active** – Any funds already on there can be used.
2. **Continue to apply or renew for benefits** – Cuyahoga Job and Family Services will still process applications.
3. **Check for updates** – Watch your mail for notices from the county once funding resumes and regularly visit <https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.gov/divisions/detail/job-and-family-services> and <https://benefits.ohio.gov/> for new information.

² OH-11 SNAP stats source: USDA.gov

³ OH-11 SNAP benefits total source: data.ohio.gov