

SNAP Benefits Update:

Changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Guide to Federal Changes for SNAP Users in Clay County, Missouri

What's Happening



- Congress passed a new law called the One Big Beautiful Bill. This law makes changes to SNAP (also known as food stamps).
- Some changes start now. Others begin October 1, 2025, and a few more will be phased in slowly over several years.
- States have some freedom to decide how to run their SNAP program. There is still a lot we do not know about how these changes will affect each individual state.

Work Rules Are Changing



- If you are an able bodied adult without kids (called ABAWDs), you may need to work more hours to get SNAP.
- Some people who used to be excused may no longer be.
 - If you are between the ages of 55-64 years or a care giver to children over age 14, it is very likely that your work requirements have changed.
- *This rule started right away.*
- Contact Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) as soon as possible if you are unsure how this will impact you.

SNAP Ed Classes Will End



- SNAP-Ed teaches cooking, healthy eating, and budgeting.
- Federal funding stops October 1, 2025.
- Classes will close after that.
- Reach out to your local public library to ask about other resources on cooking, healthy eating, and budgeting.

Benefit Amounts May Change



- Each year, SNAP uses something called the Thrifty Food Plan to set benefit amounts.
- The rules for how it's updated will change on October 1, 2025.
- Your benefit could go up or down depending on the new plan.

Less Federal Money for States



- Starting in 2027, Missouri will get less money from the federal government to run SNAP. This may make it take longer to process cases.
- More state rules may also start in 2028.

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When the Changes Happen



- **New work rules:** Now
- **SNAP-Ed funding stops:** Oct 1, 2025
- **Thrifty Food Plan changes:** Oct 1, 2025
- **Less federal funding to states :** 2027
- **New state rules may start:** 2028

What You Should Do



- **Keep Reporting Changes:** Always tell DSS if you move, start a job, or have changes in your home.
- **Ask About Work Rules:** Call DSS if you're unsure if you need to work to get SNAP.
- **If You Lose Benefits:** You can appeal the decision. Ask DSS or Legal Aid for help.
- **Find Extra Food Help:** Food pantries and local groups can help if benefits go down.

Application and Benefits Help - Clay County DSS



- **Clay County DSS – Family Support Division**
 - 7000 Liberty Drive, Liberty, MO 64068 | (816) 408-5800 | my.dss.mo.gov
- **Other numbers:**
 - SNAP Interview Line: 1-855-823-4908
 - Missouri DSS Helpline: 1-855-373-4636

Visit Our Mobile Food Pantry



- Clay County Public Health Center hosts a drive through food pantry on the **1st Wednesday of every month at 3pm.**
 - This event takes place at our offices: **800 Haines Drive, Liberty MO**
 - First-come-first-served and is open until food runs out
- For questions about the Mobile Food Pantry email community@clayhealth.com

Other Helpful Resources



- **Harvesters (full list of mobile food pantries):** www.harvesters.org/drive-thru-food-pickup-calendars
- **United Way 211 (local resources, including assistance with food, bills, and household items):** Dial 211 on your phone | search.unitedwaygkc.org/
- **Legal Aid of Western MO (for application/benefit appeals):** 816-474-6750 | lawmo.org