

# 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.

### 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 can save benefits from January and February to spend in a later month it may help when the second payments end in March 2023.

### REPORTING CHANGES MAY HELP YOU GET MORE SNAP

Your regular SNAP benefit amount is based on your income and expenses. **Your SNAP benefits could be increased if you had any of these changes:**

- **INCOME:** Did you lose work hours or have your pay cut?
- **SHELTER:** Did your rent, mortgage, or property taxes increase?
- **DEPENDENT CARE:** Are you paying more for child care or care of a disabled adult?
- **MEDICAL EXPENSES:** Does anyone in your household is 60 or older or has a disability have medical costs over \$35/month that are new or you never reported? You can learn more about medical expenses that count for SNAP at [cutt.ly/deductions](http://cutt.ly/deductions).
- **YOUR ADDRESS:** This will not impact your benefit level, but you may miss important updates if the CAO does not have your current address.



**If you are already receiving the maximum amount of SNAP in your first monthly payment, reporting higher expenses won't increase your SNAP benefits.**

Household Size	1	2	3	4
Maximum Amount	\$281	\$516	\$740	\$939

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



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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](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)
- Visit your local County Assistance Office (CAO) to report changes in person. Look up your CAO at [cutt.ly/cao-list](http://cutt.ly/cao-list).

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Find local resources including food pantries by calling 211 or visiting <https://pa211sw.org/>
- [Findhelp.org](http://Findhelp.org) has an extensive list of food pantries and other services
- If you live in Allegheny County and need assistance with your SNAP Application, SAR, or Annual Recertification, call Just Harvest at (412) 431-8960 option 3 or fill out the online form at [justharvest.org/get-help/snap-food-stamps](http://justharvest.org/get-help/snap-food-stamps)
- 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](http://pawic.com) or by calling 1-800-WIC-WINS.
- Seniors age 60 and up can get a box of food monthly through the Senior Food Box Program. Learn more at [cutt.ly/seniorbox](http://cutt.ly/seniorbox)

