

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 County Assistance Office (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 them 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
- Using the MyCOMPASS PA mobile app (free on the Apple App Store 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/cao-list.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- findfood.pittsburghfoodbank.org has an extensive list of food distributions, pantries, and other food assistance services
- If you need assistance with your SNAP Application or Recertification, call the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at 1-833-822-7627 or email snap@pittsburghfoodbank.org.
- Seniors age 60 and up can get a box of food monthly through the Senior Food Box Program. To learn more and apply, call 412-460-3663 ext. 720 or visit pittsburghfoodbank.org/senior-box.
- Pregnant or have kids under the age of 5? If you receive SNAP, you may qualify for WIC. Learn more and start the application process at pawic.com or by calling 1-800-942-9467.
- Find local assistance resources by calling 211 or visiting pa211.org/get-help/

