



Federal Shutdown Customer Q&A

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How does the government shutdown affect SNAP customers?

SNAP benefits are available through October 31, 2025. We received [a notice from the Trump administration](#) that benefits will be paused starting November 1, 2025 if the shutdown does not end by the end of this month.

This means that if the Trump Administration does not act to tap into [existing contingency funding as required by law](#), new SNAP benefits will no longer be deposited on EBT cards for customers to help feed their families starting November 1, 2025.

We know these federal actions place significant stress and anxiety on you and your family at an especially challenging time.

What is staying the same?

Cash benefits including Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) and Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) will still be issued in November.

Medical Assistance Programs are not immediately affected by the shutdown at this time.

Where can I find help?

We know the stress and uncertainty of the federal shutdown is taking a toll on families, and we invite Marylanders to lean on available resources:

- Marylanders can continue to find help through food pantries and community kitchens via [the Maryland Food Bank](#) and [Capital Area Food Bank](#), as well as [211 Maryland](#).
- The [9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) provides 24/7 free and confidential support via phone or chat for people in distress and prevention and crisis resources for

you or your loved ones. Find county-specific resources in our [Maryland Crisis Hotlines Guide](#).

- In addition to these resources, you can seek help at any of these [Behavioral Health Walk-in and Urgent Care Centers](#) across Maryland. Many of these locations operate seven days a week and offer same-day appointments and services.
- The Moore-Miller administration has also outlined resources on this [webpage](#) to support those impacted by the Trump Administration's actions.
- We also invite Marylanders to continue to update their information, check your eligibility, and apply for help at [MarylandBenefits.gov](#).