



MEPD and TW Bulletin 25-22

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To: State and Regional Operations Supervisors and Staff
Program Managers
Regional Directors
Policy Attorneys
Hearings Officers

From: Access and Eligibility Services Program Policy
State Office 2106

Subject: Federal Government Shutdown Update

The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

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- [Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook \(MEPDH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins>;
- [Texas Works Handbook \(TWH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins>.

Federal Government Shutdown Update

Background

On Oct. 1, 2025, Congress had not approved federal fiscal year 2026 (FY 2026) funding provided to certain federal agencies, thereby creating a government shutdown. On Nov. 8, 2025, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reduced the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotment amounts by 35 percent for the November 2025 benefit month.

On Nov. 12, 2025, federal funding for SNAP was approved with the passage of HR 5371, Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026. Effective Nov. 13, 2025, federal funding for SNAP has been authorized for November 2025, ongoing.

Current Policy

[SNAP](#)

On Nov. 10, 2025, the maximum allotment amounts for SNAP benefits decreased by 35 percent for benefits issued in November 2025 and the minimum allotment was reduced to \$16, for a one-or two-person household. This included any previous benefits that were held and not issued prior to November 2025.

Use the SNAP allotments chart issued with [MEPD and TW Bulletin 25-21, Partial November SNAP Allotments on Nov. 10, 2025](#) to determine eligibility for SNAP Eligibility Determination Groups (EDGs) in November 2025.

New Policy

[SNAP](#)

Use the SNAP allotment amounts in [TWH C-1431 Whole Monthly Allotments by Household Size](#), to determine eligibility for SNAP EDGs.

Households who have already received partial benefits will receive the rest of their monthly amount on or after Nov. 14. For households who receive benefits on or after the 14th of the month, full benefits will be issued on their normal issuance date.

Automation

Changes to TIERS to calculate and issue remaining SNAP allotment amounts for the November 2025 benefit month have been updated on Nov. 14, 2025. No staff action is needed.

Correspondence

Correspondence changes are not required.

Handbook

Handbook updates are not required.

Training

Training is not required.

Effective Date

This policy is effective immediately upon the release of this bulletin.