

# News Release

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## **Federal changes increase Emergency SNAP Benefits for many households, eliminate them for some**

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(Salem) – Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in May. The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020, to give SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two important federal changes to the SNAP Emergency Allotments in May 2021.

### **Households that are already receiving the maximum SNAP benefits for their household size will now receive an additional \$95 in emergency allotments in May.**

This increase will impact approximately 284,000 households (67% of Oregon SNAP households) and will have an impact of \$28 million in additional benefits for households in Oregon.

### **Households who are eligible for \$0 in regular SNAP benefits will not receive the May emergency allotments.**

This change is because the federal government clarified households must receive regular SNAP to be eligible for emergency allotments. This change doesn't impact other SNAP benefits and services these households may receive, such as employment and training services. This change will impact approximately 4,300 households. Those impacted by this change are encouraged to report any changes that may impact their regular SNAP amount, such as loss of income or increase in shelter expenses.

“We are grateful to have the opportunity to increase emergency benefits available to some SNAP households in Oregon,” said Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Director Fariborz Pakseresht. “We also know that for those 4,300 households who will no longer receive the emergency allotments, that this change

can be significant and difficult. We encourage them, and all Oregonians who are struggling to meet their basic needs to contact our partners at 211 and the Oregon Food Bank.”

Emergency allotments will be dispersed on May 11 for current SNAP households. New SNAP households or households who are now eligible for the additional \$95 will receive the emergency allotment on May 28.

SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards.

More information about emergency allotments is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/About-SNAP.aspx>.

Questions about your SNAP benefits should be directed to local ODHS offices or by calling the ONE customer service center at 1-800-699-9075.

If you are a SNAP household and your income or the number of people in your household has changed that could impact your benefits. It is important to make sure we have the most up-to-date information.

You can report any changes to your income or household in many ways:

- Online at: [ONE.Oregon.gov](https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/About-SNAP.aspx)
- By mail at: ONE Customer Service Center, PO Box 14015, Salem, OR 97309
- By fax at: 503-378-5628
- By phone at: 1-800-699-9075 or TTY 711

### **Resources to help meet basic needs**

- Find a food pantry: [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](https://www.foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org)
- Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or [www.adrcforegon.org](https://www.adrcforegon.org).
- Dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-21, [www.211info.org](https://www.211info.org)
- [Oregon Department of Human Services Resources](#)

*Administered by ODHS, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities. Oregonians in need can*

*apply for benefits, including SNAP, child care, cash assistance and Medicaid. Learn more at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits>. For local resources in your area, such as food or shelter, please call 2-1-1 or reach out to the state's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 1-855-ORE-ADRC or 1-855-673-2372.*

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