

In March 2023, Your SNAP Emergency Allotment Will End

Dear [Name],

This letter is to inform you that the amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that you receive will **decrease effective March 2023. This is due to the federal government ending the SNAP emergency allotments you received over the pandemic.**

Why are your benefits decreasing?

Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits because of the COVID-19 public health emergency with emergency allotments. This means you have been getting more benefits on your EBT card each month than you normally would.

Congress is ending SNAP emergency allotments. Your last emergency allotment will be in February 2023. **You will no longer receive SNAP emergency allotments beginning in March 2023.** Your normal amount is the first SNAP benefit you received in the month and the emergency allotment has been the second SNAP benefit issued at the end of the month. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and your county agency do not have control over this change.

You will continue to receive your normal SNAP amount; only the emergency allotment SNAP benefit you received at the end of each month is stopping.

What do you need to do?

This letter does not require you to do anything. It is just letting you know that the SNAP emergency allotments will stop. You will continue to receive your normal SNAP benefit until the end of your certification period, as long as you are eligible. When you need to complete an interim report or reapply for a new certification period, you will receive another notice with instructions on how to do so.

Can you request a state hearing?

No, there are no fair hearing rights or fair hearing benefits on the ending of the SNAP emergency allotments because this is a federal law change.

How to check how much benefits are on your EBT card

To check the balance on your EBT card, you can call the phone number listed on the back of your EBT card. ***Remember that the decrease in your monthly benefit amount will not happen until March 2023.***

Any SNAP benefits you have received will remain on your card and will continue to follow the normal expungement process.

To check your normal SNAP benefit amount you can go to <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>.

If you have other questions

If you have questions or need more information, please call 1-844-640-6446.

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