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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) about their responsibility to continue to administer SNAP without interruption. Districts were instructed in [25DC063 - Possible October 2025 Federal Shutdown and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Benefits](#) that October SNAP benefit issuances were going to be distributed without interruption in the event the federal government shut down on October 1, 2025. This includes combined issuances calculated consistent with federal regulations at 7 CFR 273.2 (g)(2) which permits SNAP households who apply after the 15th of the month and are determined eligible for the initial month and subsequent months to be issued a combined allotment for the month of application and benefits for the first full month of participation. We will send you further notice, if the federal shutdown continues into November.

Program Implications

On March 15, 2025, the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 ([P.L 119-4](#)) was signed into law, funding the federal government through September 30, 2025. New funding legislation has not been passed and signed into law authorizing continued spending beginning October 1, 2025, and the federal government has effectively shut down. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) advised states that

October benefits should be issued on the normal schedule, and these benefits can be redeemed as usual.

On October 10th, USDA FNS directed states to hold their November issuance (payment) files and delay transmission to State EBT vendors until further notice. This includes on-going SNAP benefits and daily files. OTDA is communicating with USDA FNS and will issue updated guidance as it becomes available. OTDA will continue to transmit payment files for benefits with October availability dates, including combined issuance for SNAP households who applied beginning October 16th, and were determined eligible to receive a combined allotment for October through November 30th.

Required Actions

Districts are to continue SNAP operations without change or disruption, including processing applications, recertifications and other case actions, until further notice. Additionally, districts must not truncate payment lines or certification periods for the sole purpose of adjusting cases in response to a possible ongoing federal shutdown. Districts should continue to process SNAP as usual going forward.

Please contact your SNAP liaison with any questions.