

# Federal Government Shutdown Extension into November Holding Statement

We understand that many people are concerned about how the federal government shutdown could affect their SNAP (food) benefits. The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) continues to carefully monitor impacts to SNAP and all ODHS benefits and services.

Right now, October SNAP benefits have not been impacted. People received their October benefits as usual, and anyone newly approved during October will also get their full benefits. ODHS received a memo from USDA that November benefits will be disrupted if a federal shutdown continues. ODHS is currently working in collaboration with the Governor's Office to closely monitor the situation and will share updates as soon as we receive information from the federal government about the ability to issue SNAP benefits.

## What's at risk:

SNAP food benefits go to 757,000 people in Oregon every month — roughly one in six residents. Approximately 210,000 of these SNAP recipients are children and 130,000 are adults ages 65 and older. The food benefits people receive are 100% funded by the federal government.

# Who is responsible:

SNAP is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The current uncertainty is due to a lapse in federal funding, which can only be resolved by Congress and President Trump reaching an agreement.

# How we'll keep you informed:

ODHS will share updates as soon as we receive information from the USDA.

We will provide updates through:

- odhs.oregon.gov
- Our official ODHS <u>social media channels</u>
- Partner organizations
- Media

## We encourage SNAP participants to:

- Check your <u>EBT card</u> balance regularly
- Continue following SNAP rules and reporting requirements
- Stay informed by following or subscribing to ODHS communication channels
- Sign-up for an ONE Online account and download the Oregon ONE Mobile app at <a href="mailto:benefits.oregon.gov">benefits.oregon.gov</a> to get notices about your SNAP case
- Know where to find emergency food resources in your community.
  - Visit the <u>ODHS Food Resources web page</u> to find local programs and food support.
  - Contact 211info by dialing 2-1-1, texting your ZIP code to 898-211, or visiting www.211info.org.
  - Older adults and people with disabilities:
    Connect with the Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon (ADRC) for help finding government and community resources.
     Call 1-855-673-2372 or visit <a href="https://www.adrcoforegon.org">www.adrcoforegon.org</a>.

Because the rules are different during a shutdown, you will hear about changes in media or ODHS communications channels. You will not get a mailed notice. Sign-up for a <u>ONE Online</u> account or download the <u>Oregon ONE Mobile app</u> as the fastest ways to get notifications about your SNAP benefits.

We remain committed to keeping you updated and will provide more information as it becomes available.