



October 27, 2025

Dear <NAME>,

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is following up on a notice sent earlier this month regarding the issuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in November 2025.

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) notified states on October 24 that November SNAP benefits are suspended until such time as sufficient federal funding is provided, or until FNS directs state agencies otherwise. **This means you will not receive your SNAP benefits for November until federal funding is provided and DPHHS is authorized by the federal government to issue your benefits.**

DPHHS still encourages you to visit our SNAP website (<https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/HCSO/SNAP>) for updates as they become available from the federal government.

In the meantime, you must continue to meet all program requirements in a timely manner:

- **Report Household Changes:** Continue to report any changes to your household circumstances.
- **Complete Paperwork:** Ensure you complete simplified reporting or recertification paperwork.
- **Submit Verifications:** Submit any requested verification documents to the Office of Public Assistance (OPA).

Please note that the Public Assistance Helpline and OPA offices are currently unable to provide additional information beyond what is included in this notice. The official DPHHS website provided above is the best place to continue receiving updates on this matter.