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As a result of the ongoing federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has directed states to stop the issuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for the month of November until further notice. **This means that you may not receive SNAP benefits for November, even if you are authorized to receive them.**

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) encourages you to visit the DPHHS SNAP website (<https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/HCSD/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 receive updates on this matter.