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## **November SNAP Benefits on Hold Due to Federal Government Shutdown**

**Gunnison, CO — [October 17, 2025]** —Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has informed the State of Colorado that November 2025 SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits are being held.

All current recipients of SNAP benefits will receive an official letter from the Colorado Department of Human Services announcing the hold in the coming days. This hold affects all SNAP recipients statewide and is not a Gunnison County decision.

Brad Wheaton, Deputy Director for Gunnison County Health and Human Services, said, “Gunnison County administers an average of approximately \$218,000 in monthly SNAP benefits to about 695 households, representing more than 1,090 individuals in the community. The County recognizes how important these benefits are for local families and is closely monitoring the situation.”

### **What SNAP Benefit Recipients Need to Know**

- You may continue to use your EBT card to purchase food as long as benefits remain on your card.
- November SNAP benefits will not be issued until the federal government provides further direction.
- This change cannot be appealed, and it is unclear whether benefits will be issued retroactively once the shutdown ends.
- Medicaid benefits are not affected and will continue as usual for November.
- New applicants may still apply for benefits during this time.

Applicants applying between Oct. 17-31 will receive October benefits only for the days they are eligible in October (for example: if someone applies on Oct. 31, they will receive one day of benefits due to the hold on November benefits).

### **What Happens Next**

- The State of Colorado will send official notifications by mail, text, or email to all SNAP recipients in the coming days.
- To ensure timely updates, recipients should verify that their contact information is current in their Colorado PEAK portal or through the Gunnison County Health and Human Services office.
- Please monitor your Colorado PEAK account for the latest information: <https://co.gov/peak>.

### **Community Resources**

- If you need food or other assistance, please reach out to these local and statewide resources:
- Colorado 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211colorado.org](http://www.211colorado.org)
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry: Call 970-641-4156 or visit [www.gunnisoncountryfoodpantry.org](http://www.gunnisoncountryfoodpantry.org)
- For community members 60 and older and income-eligible, the Gunnison Country Food Pantry can assist with applications for Everyday Eats (<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/CSFP>)
- If you need help completing applications for any of these programs, contact Gunnison County Health and Human Services between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (M-F) or visit during Walk-In Wednesdays (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) at 220 N. Spruce Street.

Gunnison County's Department of Health and Human Services will continue to monitor updates from federal and state agencies and share new information as soon as it becomes available.

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