

## Important Information for SNAP Recipients about your February Benefits

Because of the federal shutdown, most SNAP recipients will receive their February Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits early.

If you received a SNAP benefit in January and were scheduled to receive SNAP in February, your February benefits **may** be available on your EBT card on January 17<sup>th</sup> instead of on your scheduled February availability date.

This is your entire February benefit. This is not an extra SNAP benefit for January. **You will not get any more benefits in February.** So, it is important that you budget and spend your February benefit with that in mind.

If you completed your recertification for SNAP benefits in January and do not receive your February benefit on January 17<sup>th</sup>, this does **not** mean that you will not get a February benefit. Your February benefit should be available on February 1.

Currently, nothing else about SNAP has changed due to the federal government shutdown. All program requirements remain in place. If you get a recertification notice and application, or a periodic report form, please complete it and return it to your Department of Social Services (DSS) promptly so you may continue to receive SNAP benefits in the future. Your requirement to report changes to your DSS has also not changed.

We will continue to provide up-to-date information about how the federal shutdown may impact your SNAP benefits on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website at [www.otda.ny.gov](http://www.otda.ny.gov). The website also includes some frequently asked questions and answers about the shutdown.