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**SUBJECT:** NYC Revised Partial Federal Government Shutdown and Supplemental  
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits for February 2019 Early  
Issuance Public Notice Posters

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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The Public Notice Posters described in GIS [19TA/DC009](#), dated January 14, 2019, have been revised to create separate posters for New York City. These NYC-specific posters reflect the fact that, for current New York City SNAP recipients who do not receive their February benefits on January 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the early issuance, they will receive them on their regularly scheduled February benefit issuance date.

All of the other information in GIS 19 TA/DC009 remains applicable, including the requirement to display both the English and Spanish versions in reception and lobby areas near the Poster Pub 4842, "If you need an Interpreter" where applications for SNAP benefits are accepted and should be placed.

## Important Information for SNAP Recipients about your February Benefits

Because of the federal government 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. If you get your February benefit on January 17<sup>th</sup>, **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 your regularly-scheduled benefit availability date.

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 the New York City 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) and at [nyc.gov/hra](http://nyc.gov/hra). The websites also include some frequently asked questions and answers about the shutdown.

## Notificación Importante para Beneficiarios de SNAP sobre Subsidios Programados a Recibir en Febrero

Debido al cierre del gobierno federal la mayoría de los beneficiarios del subsidio de SNAP, recibirán los subsidios del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP) del mes de febrero anticipadamente.

Si recibió el subsidio de SNAP en enero y tenía fecha programada para recibirlo en febrero, su subsidio de febrero **puede** ser que esté disponible en su tarjeta EBT el 17 de enero, en lugar de la fecha de disponibilidad que estaba programada para febrero.

Este es el subsidio completo que le corresponde para febrero. No se trata de un subsidio SNAP adicional para enero. Si recibe el subsidio de febrero el 17 de enero, **usted no recibirá más subsidios en febrero**. Por lo tanto, es importante que cuando haga su presupuesto y utilice su subsidio de febrero tenga eso en mente.

Si completó su revalidación para los subsidios de SNAP en enero y no recibe su subsidio de febrero el 17 de enero, esto no significa que no recibirá el subsidio de febrero. Su subsidio de febrero debería estar disponible en su fecha de disponibilidad de subsidios programada regularmente.

Hasta ahora, nada más sobre SNAP ha cambiado debido al cierre del gobierno federal. Todos los requisitos del programa permanecen vigentes. Si recibe una notificación de revalidación y una solicitud, o un formulario de informe periódico, llénelo y devuélvalo al Departamento de Servicios Sociales (DSS) de la Ciudad de Nueva York con prontitud para que pueda continuar recibiendo los subsidios de SNAP en el futuro. Su obligación de informar cambios a su Departamento de Servicios Sociales (DSS) tampoco ha cambiado.

Seguiremos brindando información actualizada sobre cómo el cierre del gobierno federal puede afectar sus subsidios de SNAP, en el sitio web de la Oficina de Asistencia Temporal y Asistencia para Incapacitados del Estado de Nueva York en [www.otda.ny.gov](http://www.otda.ny.gov) y en [nyc.gov/hra](http://nyc.gov/hra). En estos sitios web también puede encontrar algunas preguntas y respuestas frecuentes sobre el cierre del gobierno federal.