

RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM (RMP)

October 2023

Case Number:

Dear SNAP Recipient,

Our records indicate that your SNAP household is eligible to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP). The RMP allows households where all household members are elderly (age 60 or older); disabled (receives disability or blindness payments or receives disability retirement benefits from a governmental agency because of a disability considered permanent)); homeless; or a spouse of a SNAP client who is eligible for the RMP, to use their SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals at certain restaurants. Since your SNAP household meets the eligibility criteria, your SNAP household has been automatically included in the RMP. This means that you may use your SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals at restaurants that participate in the Restaurant Meals Program.

If there is a change in your household's circumstances and a member of your SNAP household is no longer considered elderly or disabled, your household is no longer homeless, or your SNAP case closes, your household will no longer be included in the RMP and you will not be able to use your SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals at participating restaurants.

Please check your household's food benefit balance by calling 1-888-328-6399 or visiting www.ConnectEBT.com to ensure you have sufficient funds in your SNAP EBT account prior to purchasing prepared meals at participating restaurants. Once logged into your ConnectEBT account, check the "Cardholder Info" section which must display "Restaurant Meal Program Eligible" to confirm that your EBT card can be used at participating restaurants. If you attempt to purchase a prepared meal and do not have sufficient funds, you will still be responsible for covering the cost of your meal with funds other than SNAP benefits. For a current list of participating restaurants where you may use your SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/rmp>.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for the RMP, please contact your local social services office.

Thank you,

NYS SNAP Bureau