



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) about their responsibility to continue to administer SNAP without interruption through the end of April 2025 in the event the federal government shuts down on March 14, 2025.

Program Implications

On December 24, 2024 the federal American Relief Act, 2025 (CR; [H.R.10545](#)) was enacted into law extended federal spending and averted a government shutdown through March 14, 2025. If new legislation is not passed and signed into law authorizing continued spending by midnight March 14, 2025, the federal government will effectively shut down. Districts are advised that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) January 2, 2025, memorandum [SNAP Benefit Issuance and the American Relief Act, 2025](#) is still in effect and has not been rescinded.

Required Actions

Districts are instructed to continue to operate SNAP without change and as usual, including processing applications, recertifications and other case actions, through April 30, 2025. Additionally, districts must not truncate payment lines or certification periods for the sole purpose of adjusting cases in response to a possible ongoing federal shutdown. OTDA will issue updated guidance if necessary. Otherwise, districts should continue to process SNAP as usual going forward.

Please contact your SNAP liaison with any questions.