



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Attachments:	Attachment 1 – Federal Government Shutdown SNAP Q&A

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 October 2025 and that October SNAP benefit issuances will be distributed without interruption in the event the federal government shuts down on October 1, 2025.

Program Implications

On March 15, 2025, the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 ([P.L 119-4](#)) was signed into law, funding the federal government through September 30, 2025. If new funding legislation is not passed and signed into law authorizing continued spending by midnight on October 1, 2025, the federal government will effectively shut down.

However, USDA FNS has advised states that October benefits should be issued on the normal schedule, and these benefits can be redeemed as usual.

Required Actions

Districts are instructed to continue to operate SNAP without change or disruption, including processing applications, recertifications and other case actions, through October 31, 2025. Additionally, districts must not truncate payment lines or certification periods for the sole purpose of adjusting cases in response to a possible 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.