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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to confirm that social services districts (districts) must continue administering Public Assistance (PA) benefits (ongoing and emergency) without interruption—including processing applications, recertifications, and other case actions—in the event of a federal government shut down on October 1, 2025. A temporary federal government shutdown will not affect the normal processing of PA cases.

Per [25DC063](#), districts are instructed to continue to operate the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) without change or disruption through October 31, 2025.

Additional guidance will be issued as necessary.