

February 2023

IMPORTANT - SNAP Emergency Supplements are ending in February 2023.

What are supplemental Emergency Allotment (EA) SNAP benefits?

Since March 2020, Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Supplemental EA SNAP benefits were issued to households in addition to their normal monthly SNAP benefit amount. This means that you have been getting more SNAP benefits each month than you normally would be eligible for based on your income and expenses.

Why are supplemental EA SNAP benefits ending?

Because the COVID-19 situation has improved, supplemental EA benefits will no longer be issued to SNAP households. Your SNAP benefits will return to the normal amount in **March 2023**. The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and your local social services district do **not** have control over this change.

Will my monthly SNAP benefit amount change?

Effective **March 1, 2023**, SNAP households will **no longer** get supplemental EA SNAP benefits. As a result, all SNAP households will experience changes in their monthly total benefit amount. Your normal SNAP benefit amount is calculated using your household's specific information (e.g., household size, income, and other factors).

What do I need to do?

You do not need to do anything. This letter is to inform you that supplemental EA SNAP benefits will no longer be issued beginning **March 2023**. You will continue to get your normal monthly SNAP benefit for as long as you are eligible. When you need to recertify, we will give you another notice with instructions on how to do so. Households that recently experienced loss of income or an increase in expenses, such as shelter costs, childcare fees, child support payments or (for those age 60 or older, or disabled) allowable medical expenses, can report changes to their local district office which **may** result in an increase in the household's normal monthly SNAP benefit.

You can check your household's SNAP benefit balance by visiting www.connectebt.com or by calling **1-888-328-6399**.

If you need more help with food, please visit www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/food-pantries to locate food pantries in your area.

For more information about supplemental EA SNAP benefits visit otda.ny.gov/EA-SNAP or call **1-800-342-3009**.