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## **February SNAP Benefits will be Early for Most Recipients Clients must make them last**

**DENVER (Jan. 16, 2019)** - Due to the continuing partial federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State of Colorado have released February SNAP benefits early to most recipients.

The Department urges clients who received an additional SNAP payment on their EBT cards from Jan. 16-20th to keep in mind that it is an advance SNAP payment for February. The additional funds are intended to help clients with their February food purchases. No additional SNAP benefits will be allotted in February.

All SNAP participants will be able to use their EBT cards to purchase food as long as there are benefits on their card. Participants should plan food purchases carefully throughout January and February so their food needs are met through the partial government shutdown.

If more food resources are needed during the partial government shutdown, we encourage clients to reach out to a local food bank or community agency in their area. To find those resources, please contact:

Colorado 2-1-1: 844-493-8255

Hunger Free Colorado: 855-855-4626

Colorado Benefits Center: 855-871-2696

SNAP benefits will not be issued again until March, and only if the funds are available from the federal government. As additional information becomes available, we will share it.

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## **Important Information about January and February SNAP Benefits**

Due to the continuing partial federal government shutdown, the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Colorado have decided to release February SNAP benefits early to most of our customers.

### **All SNAP participants:**

- You will be able to use your EBT card to purchase food as long as you have benefits on your card.
- Plan food purchases carefully throughout January and February so your food needs are met through the partial government shutdown.
- SNAP benefits will not be issued again until March, if funds are available from the federal government.
- We do not have any further information about March SNAP benefits at this time.
- If you need more food resources during the partial government shutdown, we encourage you to reach out to your local food banks or community agencies in your area.
  - To find these resources in your area, please contact:
    - Colorado 211: 844-493-8255 or visit <https://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/home>
    - Hunger Free Colorado: 855-855-4626
    - Colorado Benefits Center: 855-871-2696
- When the shutdown ends, SNAP benefits will go back to normal.

### **If you received an additional Food Assistance (SNAP) payment on your EBT card from January 16-20:**

- This is not an additional payment for January. These are your February SNAP benefits.
- The early payment of February SNAP is meant to help with next month's food.
- No SNAP benefits will be added in the month of February.

### **If you did not receive a Food Assistance (SNAP) payment on your EBT card from January 16-20:**

- You will receive February SNAP benefits on the regular payment date in February as seen below.

<b>Last Digit of EBT Cardholder SSN</b>	<b>Day of the Month for SNAP Deposit</b>
1	1st
2	2nd
3	3rd
4	4th
5	5th
6	6th
7	7th
8	8th
9	9th
0	10th

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