



Connecticut Department of Social Services

NEWS RELEASE

‘SNAP’ Benefits Dropping for Nearly 225,000 Households as Federal Stimulus Boost Expires

(HARTFORD) – Nearly 225,000 Connecticut households eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will see an average drop of \$17 in November, as a temporary benefit boost from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act expires.

Specific benefit reductions depend on several factors, including household size, income and expenses, according to information from the Department of Social Services, administering agency for SNAP in Connecticut.

The expiration of federal stimulus funds for SNAP comes a month after a cost-of-living increase for recipients. Still, families and individuals will see an overall net reduction in November benefits.

Current SNAP recipients were sent a notice explaining the specific change in their benefits for November.

This federally-required, across-the-board reduction ends the 2009 benefit increase under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (federal economic stimulus initiative).

Recipients who would like more information about the reasons for this reduction can visit www.ct.gov/dss and click on the SNAP button at upper right; or dial 2-1-1 (toll-free).

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