

# H.R. 1 & SNAP: Implications for Minnesota Counties

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# SNAP Supports Minnesota Families

SNAP provides food assistance to low-income households and vulnerable populations. In Minnesota over 440,000 people are supported by SNAP per month. Including: 177,000 children, 70,000 seniors and 56,000 adults with disabilities

Counties determine eligibility and assist in administering SNAP throughout Minnesota's 87 counties.

Stable administration ensures consistent food access

# Direct Federal Cost Shifts in HR1

## SNAP Cost Shift (Increase) Administrative

- Shifts federal administrative reimbursement from 50% to 75% to the states.
- Combined Administrative Cost Shares total approximately \$38 million
- **Effective Oct. 1, 2026**

## Increased Workload for Work Requirements and Eligibility changes—SNAP and MEDICAID

- Both SNAP and Medicaid programs will add additional qualification and or work requirement components.
- Eligibility changes will increase the amount and complexity of county administrative work -- all done in antiquated technology systems.
- **SNAP:** Early 2026
- **MEDICAID:** Jan. 1, 2027
- Further guidance from CMS and USDA expected this year.

## SNAP Cost Share (NEW) Benefits

- Shift from fully funded federal benefits to requiring states to contribute based on state **SNAP payment error rate (PER)**
- States with higher error rates contribute a higher percentage towards SNAP benefits – up to 15%
- \$97 million annually – though could be higher
- **Effective Oct. 1 2027**  
*(Lookback window – October 1, 2025)*

# Scott County Snapshot

**In Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Scott County served over 4,000 SNAP cases.**

- 10 of those cases were reviewed for payment accuracy (less than .3%)
- \$2,113 in total benefits were issued
- \$149 was deemed in error
- This resulted in an 8% error rate.
- If protections aren't put in place, that 8% figure could result in Scott County taxpayers footing a bill of over \$1,000,000+ in projected benefit costs(\$97 million in statewide penalties)

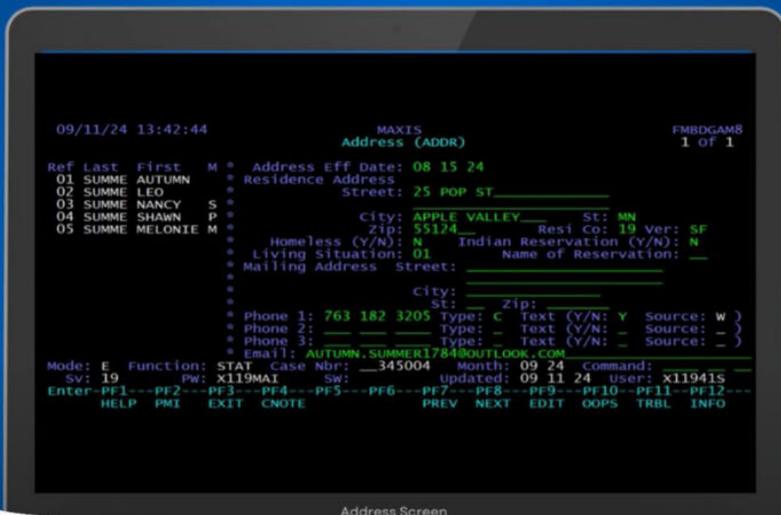
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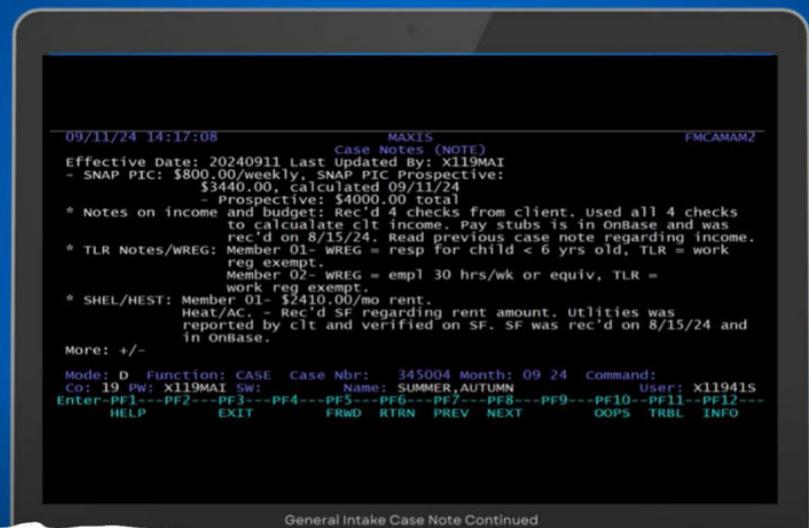
Client vs. Agency Errors

Primary Drivers of Payment Error Rates

**Payment Error Rate At a Glance**



Address Screen



General Intake Case Note Continued

## *Burcum: Tears, workarounds and 1990s screens push county staff to the limit*

Policymakers know that the operating systems used for Minnesota public assistance programs are antiquated. But I was still startled to see them up close.

 **By Jill Burcum**  
The Minnesota Star Tribune

## 2026 Legislative Considerations

Protect counties from federal SNAP administrative and benefit cost shifts and shares.

Invest in technology modernization to reduce errors and delays

**Thank you!**