

Subject Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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Overview

This bill increases the SNAP gross income limit under the federal broad-based categorical eligibility policy in which households may be eligible for SNAP because they qualify for certain non-cash federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or TANF maintenance of effort funded benefits.

The federal SNAP program increases the food purchasing power of low-income households by providing a monthly benefit that may only be used to purchase federally approved food and food products in approved stores. Approved stores include grocery stores and convenience stores that sell a variety of foods and have been authorized to accept Minnesota EBT cards. Individuals over 60 (and their spouses), blind and disabled persons, and homeless individuals can also use SNAP to purchase meals in authorized restaurants. In addition, SNAP can be used to purchase hot foods or hot food products through nonprofit meal delivery services, at communal dining facilities, and at institutions serving meals to drug addicts, alcoholics, and battered women and children.

Summary

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| 1 | Asset limitations for SNAP households.
Increases the SNAP gross income limit from 165 % of the federal poverty guidelines to 200 % of the federal poverty guidelines. |
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