

Subject Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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Overview

This bill establishes the Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and appropriates an unspecified amount for the program.

In 2025, several changes to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) were enacted in Public Law 119-21, sometimes referred to as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, including:

- Expanding the work requirements age range from 18-54 to 18-64
- Modifying the work requirement exemption for parents and caregivers (previously the exemption applied to those with children under age 18; now it applies to people with children under age 14)
- Removing work requirement exemptions for specific groups including veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and youth aging out of foster care
- Limiting noncitizen eligibility for SNAP by terminating eligibility for several groups including refugees and asylees, victims of trafficking, youth with Special Immigrant Visa status (Iraqi/Afghan), certain American Indians born abroad, Hmong and Highland Laotian tribal members, and other legally present groups that were eligible

Individuals subject to the work requirements must work, volunteer, or participate in approved job training for at least 80 hours per month. Individuals not meeting these requirements can only receive SNAP benefits for three months within a three-year period.

The changes also include restrictions on state SNAP waivers for able-bodied adults without dependents, limiting waivers to areas with unemployment rates over ten percent.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p> <p>Creates § 142F.121. Establishes the Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (MNSNAP).</p> <p>Subd. 1. Purpose. Establishes the program to serve adults and children who are at significant risk of hunger due to federal SNAP cuts and restrictions, including terminating federal food benefits to veterans, seniors, Minnesotans experiencing homelessness, youth aging out of foster care, new Americans, and working parents who have experienced a job loss.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Eligibility. Makes Minnesotans who were or would have been eligible for federal SNAP as of June 30, 2025, eligible for MNSNAP.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Food benefits continuation. Requires food assistance benefits to continue when a participant is determined eligible for MNSNAP. Requires the commissioner to determine the most appropriate and efficient state-funded mechanism and county process to continue benefits for participants.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Assessment. Within 30 days of a participant’s enrollment in MNSNAP, requires the county, Tribal agency, or state-approved navigator to meet face-to-face with the participant. Lists the actions the county, Tribal agency, or state-approved navigator must complete during the face-to-face meeting. Specifies the actions the county, Tribal agency, or state-approved navigator must take if the face-to-face meeting does not occur.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Exiting MNSNAP. Based on the assessment, requires the participant to exit MNSNAP and to convert to federal SNAP benefits if it is determined that the participant is eligible for a federal exemption to the time limit for able-bodied adults or can meet the federal work requirements.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Moratorium. Beginning July 1, 2026, requires the commissioner to enact an emergency moratorium on the termination of food assistance for Minnesotans experiencing new federal SNAP restrictions implemented after July 1, 2025, where there is no current medical, behavioral health, or vocational assessment indicating a participant’s ability to consistently comply with federal work requirements for able-bodied adults.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation; Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p> <p>Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for the Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p>



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