





## **SNAP** Emergency Allotments (EA) Ending on February 28, 2023

January 23, 2023

Since March 2020, Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits by providing Emergency Allotments (EA) to help low-income individuals and families across the US deal with the financial hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 law recently passed by Congress ends emergency allotments after February 2023 SNAP EA benefits are issued. This means that by March 2023, all SNAP households' benefits will return to standard SNAP benefit amounts, without the added supplement.

| Emergency Allotment Start Date | Emergency Allotment End Date |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| March 2020                     | February 2023                |

**IMPORTANT:** If you are impacted by your SNAP benefits returning to the standard federal allotment amount and need emergency food assistance, we encourage you to explore food assistance resources in Montgomery County or call 311 if you need assistance.

- Montgomery County's Food Assistance Resource Page which includes a calendar of distributions <u>https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help/food.html</u>
- Manna Food Center: (301) 424-1130
- Montgomery County Food Council resource map: <u>https://mocofoodcouncil.org/map/</u>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANGES TO SNAP AND OTHER RESOURCES: Visit the new SNAP webpage of DHHS Maryland <a href="https://dhs.maryland.gov/snap-ea-ending/">https://dhs.maryland.gov/snap-ea-ending/</a>