

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING NOVEMBER SNAP (FOOD STAMP) BENEFITS

Virginia will be able to issue Virginia Emergency Nutrition Assistance (VENA) to SNAP customers in November during the federal government shutdown. Virginia is the first state in the nation to use emergency funds to deliver food assistance to SNAP households while the federal program is paused.

Customers will still receive their full monthly benefit amount, but November payments will be split into weekly parts so that normal distributions from the federal government can resume as soon as the shutdown ends.

These weekly benefits will be issued based on the day of the month customers usually receive SNAP payments. Beginning November 3:

- Customers who regularly receive their SNAP benefits on the **1st** of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on **Mondays**.
- Customers who regularly receive their SNAP benefits on the **4th** of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on **Wednesdays**.
- Customers who regularly receive their SNAP benefits on the **7th** of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on **Fridays**.

Visit www.dss.virginia.gov/VENA for more information as it becomes available.

