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SNAP Benefits Paused in November Due to Federal Shutdown

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) is informing Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans of a temporary pause in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) due to the ongoing federal government shutdown.

At the direction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will pause SNAP benefits beginning October 29, 2025. USDA has notified the state that federally funded SNAP benefits for November may be delayed if the shutdown continues into next month.

“NCDHH understands how critical access to food and essential resources is for every Nebraskan,” said Kyle Miers, Executive Director of NCDHH. “We also recognize that communication access during emergencies and difficult times is equally important. Our goal is to ensure the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing community has the information and resources they need to stay connected and supported during this time.”

Nebraskans who need assistance are encouraged to contact 211, a statewide resource and referral hotline. By dialing 2-1-1 or visiting <https://uwm211.org/nebraska-programs>, individuals can connect with food, housing, financial assistance, and other support services.

Additional food resources include:

- Food Bank for the Heartland: foodbankheartland.org/food-resources/find-food
- Food Bank of Lincoln: lincolnfoodbank.org/get-food/food-finder
- Catholic Charities: catholiccharitiesusa.org
- MyLNK Resource Finder: mylnk.app/home — also available as the “MyLink” app in the App Store and Google Play

For updates and official information about the status of Nebraska SNAP, visit dhhs.ne.gov/SNAP.

Access to communication is a right, not a privilege. All community organizations and service providers that receive public funding or serve the general public are required by law to provide communication access - such as interpreters, captions, or other accommodations - so that every Nebraskan can receive the support and information they need in a timely and equitable manner.

If communication accommodations are denied or are inaccessible, individuals should contact NCDHH for assistance at ncdhh@nebraska.gov or by calling our office at (402) 471-3593.