

# THE SNAP REQUIREMENT FOR SOME ENROLLEES TO REPORT THEIR WORK ACTIVITY RESTARTED ON JULY 1, 2023.



Starting July 1, West Virginia restarted pre-pandemic time limits for adults between 18 and 49 years without a documented disability and with no children under 18 in the household. Impacted adults are only eligible for SNAP for three months over a three year period unless they report work or meet an exemption to the work reporting requirements. Nearly 21,000 West Virginians risk losing their SNAP eligibility on October 1, 2023, unless they report qualified work or an eligible exemption, listed below.

- Under 18 or over age 49 (over 52 on Oct. 1, 2023; over 54 on Oct. 1, 2024)
- Part of a SNAP household with a child under 18, including adults in the household that are not parents
- Pregnant
- Former foster child (up to age 25)
- Unhoused (including living in a shelter)
- Veteran
- Physically or Mentally Unfit for work
  - with a written statement from any medical professional
- Caring for an incapacitated person in the household
  - verified by certain medical providers
- A regular participant in substance use treatment
  - verified by a treatment center (representative must sign the application)
  - doesn't need to be residential
- Enrolled at least half time in school, training program, or work program (Only applies to college if in work-study; exemption covers breaks and summers unless not expected to return for school next term)
- Have a pending SSI application
- Employed
  - Work at least 80 hours per month
  - Or work at least 20 hours per week;
  - Or earn 30x minimum wage per week regardless of hours
  - Includes self-employment or volunteer work
  - Includes work for goods or services (like bartending)
  - Includes migrant/seasonal farmworkers under contract to begin work within 30 days
  - If a good cause for failure to work 80 hours that month (e.g., illness, transportation problem, family emergency, etc.
- Participate 20 hours per week in SNAP Employment and Training Program
- Receiving (or have applied for) unemployment benefits

**If you meet one of these exemptions or you have questions about these changes, please contact your caseworker or the Department of Health at 1-877-716-1212 to report it as soon as possible. If you need further assistance, call Legal Aid at 866-255-4370.**

# LOST SNAP DUE TO RECENT CHANGES? TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE!

We want to learn how recent SNAP changes are impacting hunger and economic security for those who lose their food assistance in Cabell and Mingo Counties.

Individuals eligible to be interviewed must:

1. Reside in Mingo or Cabell County;
2. Be between the ages of 18 and 52;
3. Have no child dependents in the home; and
4. Receive a letter informing them they will no longer receive SNAP benefits due to ABAWD work requirements *OR* find that their SNAP benefits have been terminated due to these requirements.

If you meet the qualifications listed above or if you're not sure if you qualify, please reach out to Rhonda at 304-873-6222 to talk about setting up an interview. We look forward to speaking with you!

Those selected for an interview will receive a \$100 gift card for completing a 30-minute to 1-hour conversation with us.