

Attention **Food Assistance Program (SNAP)** Participants in Michigan



OCTOBER 2021 Benefits Update



SNAP households in Michigan will receive additional food assistance benefits of **AT LEAST \$95** in the month of October.

Households whose regular benefits amount are the maximum payment or close to that amount will receive an additional payment of \$95.

Households that having been receiving additional benefits of over \$95 to bring them to the maximum payment for their household size will continue to receive that larger amount.

October additional benefits will be loaded on Bridge Cards between **October 23 - November 1**

The additional benefits will be loaded on your Bridge Card separately from your regular benefits amount.

Should you wish to check the balance on your Bridge Card, you can call EBT Customer Service at [1-888-678-8914](tel:1-888-678-8914) or access your account information at www.michigan.gov/mibridges

* In Michigan, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is referred to as the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and benefits are loaded on the Bridge Card.

Household Size	Maximum Benefit
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$658
4	\$835
5	\$992
6	\$1,190
7	\$1,316
8	\$1,504
Each additional person	\$188

Why the change in the benefits amounts?

SNAP benefits were previously increased by 15% temporarily during the pandemic. That temporary increase ended in September 2021.

While the temporary increase ended, USDA recently provided a permanent 21% increase in SNAP benefits, starting October 2021.

Because of these two recent changes, SNAP participants will receive a slight increase in monthly benefits starting in October.

The average increase in monthly SNAP benefits is about \$12 - \$16 per household member.

