



**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Partial US Government Shutdown:  
Current as of January 16, 2019**

**When will I get my January benefits?** Your January benefits will be available on your regularly scheduled monthly date. These benefits have not changed due to the government shutdown and will be received on your normal day.

**When will I get my February benefits?** February benefits for most people will be available on January 20<sup>th</sup>. These benefits are your February allotment and you will need to adjust accordingly due to the early release of the benefits.

**What happens if my application or eligibility review is approved on or after January 20<sup>th</sup>?** Your application will be processed, and January benefits will be available the following day. February benefits will be available on your regularly scheduled monthly date.

**When will I get my March benefits?** In the event March food assistance (SNAP) benefits are affected by the partial US government shutdown, DCF will immediately notify customers through social media, posters, websites, and other communication outlets.

**Will the current benefits on my EBT card still be available after January 31<sup>st</sup>?** Yes, benefits already deposited on your EBT card will be available. Customers should budget the early release of February benefits accordingly throughout the month.

**What retailers will be available to accept my EBT card?** Authorized EBT retailers are available to accept EBT benefits for food. There is a list of current EBT retailers in the state of Florida located here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailerlocator>.

**Will Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid customers be affected?** The Medicaid Program is funded through 2019 so the shutdown does not impact Medicaid customers. Temporary Cash Assistance benefits are available at least through the month of February.

**Where can I go if I need food right away?** If you are having difficulty meeting the food needs for your household, please visit <https://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/foodfinder/> to find your nearest food distribution.