

SNAP & WIC UPDATE:

Information for customers with SNAP & WIC benefits during federal government shutdown

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is providing this update to keep Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants informed during the federal government shutdown, which has temporarily affected federal funding for these programs.

SNAP

Current Status (as of October 30, 2025):

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has not released funding for future SNAP benefits and new benefits cannot be added to participant cards until funding is authorized from the federal government.
- SNAP benefits that have already been issued remain valid. Participants can continue using their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards as usual with previously issued benefits.
- CHFS will notify participants when the USDA provides updated guidance or authorizes new benefit issuance.

What SNAP Participants Should Do:

- Continue to use benefits already on your EBT card. The EBT system remains operational, and transactions will be processed as usual for participants with available balances.
- Check your EBT balance before shopping. Visit the CHFS website for the latest updates at chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbcs.
- For food assistance and other resources available, please contact your local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office, call **1-855-306-8959**, or visit kynect.ky.gov/resources.

WIC

Current Status (as of October 30, 2025):

- The WIC Program continues to operate as normal at this time. WIC benefits remain active. WIC clinics remain open and participants can continue to shop at WIC-approved stores.
- CHFS will notify participants if the status of the WIC program changes in Kentucky.

What WIC Participants Should Do:

- Continue to use your eWIC card to purchase WIC-approved foods as normal. WIC-approved stores are able to process purchases at this time.
- Keep your WIC appointments and stay in contact with your local WIC clinic.
- For more information regarding the Kentucky WIC Program, contact your local WIC clinic or visit chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/nsb/Pages/wic.aspx.

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CHFS will continue to share timely updates through official communication channels and the CHFS website:



SNAP (Department for Community Based Services): www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbcs

WIC (Department for Public Health): www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/nsb/Pages/wic.aspx



Questions?

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:
Department for Community Based Services Call Center at 1-855-306-8959
Kentucky WIC Help Desk at 1-877-597-0367