

*SNAP Recipient/Customer Notice Regarding  
Early February SNAP Benefit Issuance*

*Date*

*Address line 1*

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Dear *(First/Last Name)*,

During this partial federal government shutdown, Maryland is committed to doing everything possible to assist you through this uncertain time.

To ensure you will be able to access your February SNAP/Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the federal agency that pays for FSP benefits, is working with states to issue February benefits earlier than usual. As a result, you will receive your February FSP benefit this month, January 2019, instead of February. This means you will receive both your January *and* February monthly FSP benefits in January.

If you already have an EBT card, you may continue to use that card and PIN. If you have lost your EBT card, please call the EBT Customer Service Call Center at 1-800-997-2222, to request a replacement card.

If you need additional assistance during this time, please contact your local Department of Social Services (DSS) to learn about additional resources that may be available in your community. Contact information for each of our 24 local Departments of Social Services may be found on our website at <http://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/>. You may also call our Customer Service Call Center at 1-800-332-6347 (TTY: 1-800-735-2258).

Our department will continue to provide information as soon as it becomes available. Please monitor our website [www.dhs.maryland.gov](http://www.dhs.maryland.gov) and follow our Facebook [www.facebook.com/MDHumanServices](https://www.facebook.com/MDHumanServices) and Twitter <https://twitter.com/mdhumanservices> for additional information.

Thank you,