



Restaurant Owners Needed

DHS offers your business an opportunity to increase your revenue while serving your community by participating in the Restaurant Meals Program.

What is the Restaurant Meals Program?

The Restaurant Meals Program allows homeless, seniors (age 60 or over), and disabled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households to use their SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals using their SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card at participating restaurants.

Participating is easy!

Submit the following forms to Department of Human Services

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DHS
- An application for certification with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) form #FNS 252-2.

After reviewing the forms, DHS will elevate the forms to FNS. FNS will send you a certification number to accept SNAP benefits under the Restaurant Meals Program if you qualify for the program. If you already have an FNS number, this would mean your store is already an FNS authorized retailer. By definition, a store *cannot* be both a restaurant and a traditional retailer.

Attached are both forms and guidelines. The forms are necessary to complete for approval of the program and the guidelines is a list of necessary qualifications to be a restaurant eligible to participate in the program. For more information, please contact Annette Jones-Wilson at annette.jones-wilson@maryland.gov.

