

# Summer Nutrition Summit

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# Nutrition Policy Update

Impacts Across SNAP and Child  
Nutrition Programs

Summer Nutrition Summit 2026



# Session Speakers



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## Disclaimer

Our speakers represent their own experience with child nutrition programs in their states and localities. Certain program models and implementation methods may be restricted in some states and localities. Check with your local agency before implementing any new service models or methods.

# Agenda

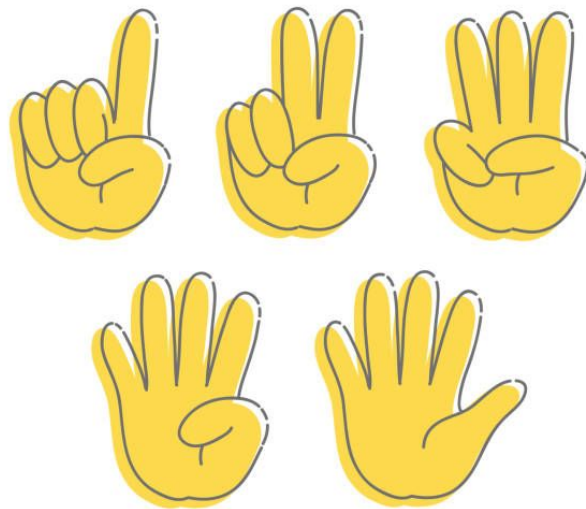
- Welcome & Introductions
- Federal Policy Review
  - SNAP
  - Child Nutrition
- Discussion on Potential Impacts for Summer EBT
- Q & A



## Welcome and Who is In the Room

By a show of hands... how involved is your current role in tracking federal policy updates, and specifically as related to SNAP?

1. Not at all
2. Somewhat - but not much focus on SNAP
3. I know the basics
4. I am in the conversations but not the lead
5. I help lead our nutrition and SNAP policy work



# Overview of Recent SNAP Policy Updates

- Congressional Actions
  - H.R. 1
  - Federal Government Shutdown
- Administrative Actions
  - Data Sharing
  - Purchase Restrictions
- Looking Ahead at Priorities

## H.R. 1 & SNAP

- Changes to the funding models for SNAP, including:
  - Increases the administrative cost share for state/local agencies to from 50 to 75% beginning this October; and
  - Establishes a first-ever cost-share for SNAP benefits of 0-15% based on the state's Payment Error Rate beginning next October.
- Changes to allowable deductions for SNAP benefit calculations, and limits how much benefits can increase in the future.
- Changes to eligibility for non-citizens.
- Expands existing SNAP work requirements.

# H.R. 1 & SNAP



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## APHSA/Social Finance Adaptable Resources for States and Locals

In partnership with Social Finance, APHSA created these templates as resources to support our state and local members in meeting new H.R. 1 requirements. Members are welcome to customize them as needed, including removing our logo and disclaimer, revising the text, or making other changes.



SNAP QC 101: Primer for SNAP Program Staff



SNAP QC 101: 1-Pager for State Leadership Given H.R. 1 Changes to SNAP



Targeted flyer to new population: Veterans



Targeted flyer to new population: Veterans (Spanish)

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If you're  
sticking around  
tomorrow,  
come join us at  
the Capitol!

## **Congressional Briefing**

*Improving Fiscal Responsibility and  
Implementation of Nutrition Programs*

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 | 3PM ET**

*Join The National Governors Association (NGA),  
National Association of Counties (NACo),  
American Public Human Services Association (APHSA),  
and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) for  
a discussion on State, Local and Territorial Nutrition  
Priorities.*

**Capitol Visitor's Center  
(SVC-Room 201-00)**

1st St SE, Washington, DC 20515

*Reception to immediately follow.*



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## Administrative Actions by the USDA-FNS

- **Data Sharing** - FNS has created a new national database of SNAP participants and are asking all states to provide household data to support its initiatives.
- **Food Restrictions** - 18 states have been approved for waivers with 5 going live this month. This will likely impact S-EBT benefits as well.
- **Program Integrity** - FNS continues to focus on fiscal responsibility and program integrity, including now for S-EBT.

# Overview of Child Nutrition Policy Updates

- Congressional Actions
  - No *direct* changes
  - H.R. 1 has *indirect* impacts
- Administrative Actions
  - Limited summer nutrition memoranda and guidance
  - Other administrative actions: public charge & immigration enforcement
- Looking Ahead

# How H.R. 1 Will Impact Child Nutrition Programs

- SNAP and Medicaid participation data is used for:
  - Direct certification for school meals
  - Streamlined certification for Summer EBT
  - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) eligibility & reimbursement
- Declining direct/streamlined certification → more application burden on families & schools/agencies, fewer kids certified
- School meals eligibility rates determine summer & afterschool area eligibility
- Summer EBT benefit levels constrained by Thrifty Food Plan
- State budget pressure may impact child nutrition programs

# Public Charge & Immigration Enforcement

- Public Charge:
  - “Public charge” guidance formalized under Biden administration following challenges to proposals under first Trump administration
  - Dept. of Homeland Security issued a proposal in late 2025 to rescind the current public charge rules
  - The proposal said new guidance would be forthcoming
  - Current public charge rules are in effect until a final rule takes effect
- This & other immigration enforcement actions create a significant “chilling effect” on program application submission & participation

## Looking Ahead

- **Congress** - While SNAP and nutrition programs are funded through September, Congress still must pass another funding bill by the end of this month.
- **USDA** - We anticipate that FNS will soon post a new proposed rule to significantly reduce the application of Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE). This would have ripple effects on school meal eligibility and S-EBT.
- **All** - Continuing to follow H.R. 1 implementation.

## Discussion and Q&A

- How are you experiencing the impacts of federal nutrition policy changes on your summer nutrition programs?
- What conversations are you already having in your state or with your partners? What conversations would you like to have more of?
- What questions do you have for us?

