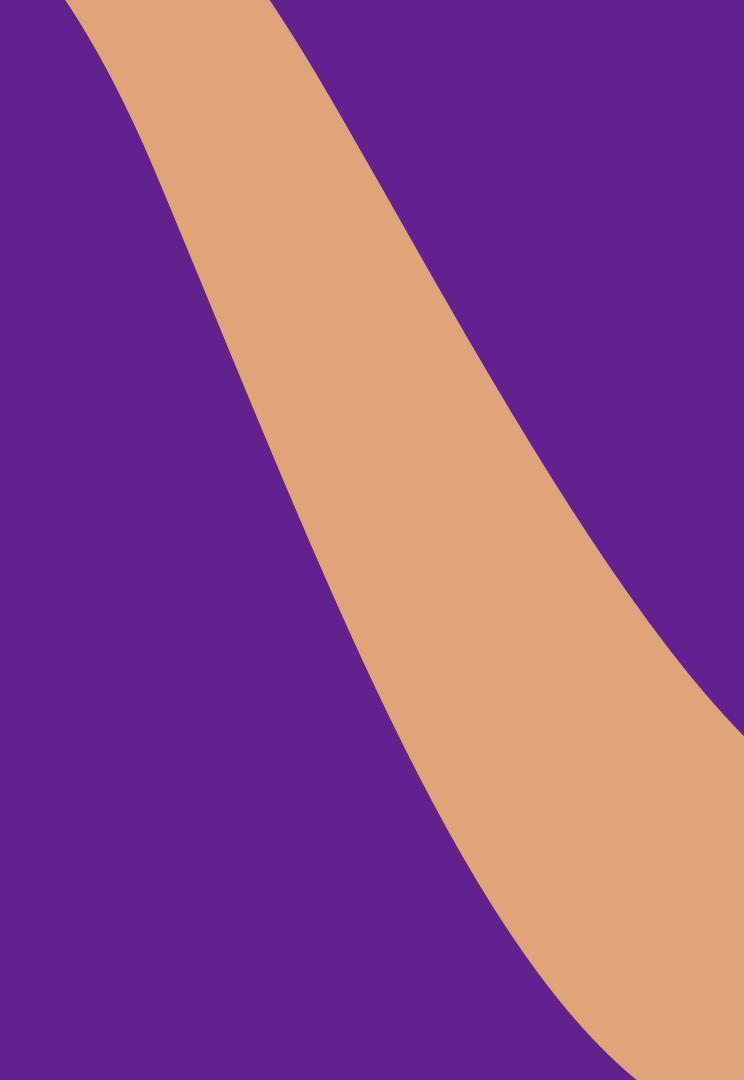


Response to Medicaid and SNAP Cuts

December 11th, 2024 | 11:30 AM CT



HOUSEKEEPING

- Welcome!
- This webinar will be recorded. The recording and slides will be emailed to registered participants by **December 13th**, 2024.
- The last 15 minutes of this webinar will be Q&A.
- Please introduce yourself by putting your name,

organization and county in the chat.





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- Welcome & Introductions
- Medicaid Presentation
- SNAP Presentation
- Q&A
- Closing





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Heads up: <u>Not</u> your uncle's Federal Budget Cuts!

- BIG
- Fast!
- Encrypted





Promises to be kept

- Congress convenes January 3rd
- President takes office January 20th
- Their No.1 priority Tax Cuts





Congress will pay for tax cuts by slashing Medicaid and SNAP

- Congressional leaders & the Trump administration have said SO
- Rules require "pay-fors" to offset lost tax revenues
- With Medicare & Social Security protected, no cuts to other domestic programs generate enough money





"Move fast and break things"

- Lessons learned in 2017:
- Move fast before programs' constituents can publicize the impact on ordinary people and businesses
- Downplay the changes to hide impact and avoid backlash







Budget Reconciliation Process

- Congress adopts resolution soon, telling committees where to make cuts and how much to cut
- Why will Congress use Budget Reconciliation
- Instructions will be adopted as soon as January, no later than April





WHAT IF cuts to Medicaid and/or SNAP are in the Budget Resolution?

- That lights a fuse that leads to program changes that will drive drastic, perhaps irreversible damage to the health care and food safety net
- Stopping the cuts becomes much more difficult if cuts are mandated by budget instructions





They use Camouflage and Complexity

- Work requirements and other red tape
- Block grants
- Per capita caps
- Reductions in federal match
- Roll-back of Medicaid Expansion
- Limit or eliminate state provider taxes



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We use Simplicity & Strength

Don't get lost in the complexity. Focus on the bottom line:

- **Cutting Medicaid and SNAP hurts:**
- Families
- Hospitals and nursing homes
- The economy and entire communities
- Fuels medical debt

Get thousands to repeat that message!







SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)



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SNAP: Need to Know

Lame Duck Session

Fiscal Budget – End of Year Spending Package (Must be decided by December 20)

- Short term Farm Bill Extension
- Disaster Supplemental
- Short Term Appropriations







Protect SNAP – Likely Targets

- **SNAP Replacement Benefits** •
 - Assisting households whose benefits are stolen by organized • criminal rings/skimming
- Adequate Benefits Thrifty Food Plan (TFP)
 - **Benefits were adjusted after a USDA study increasing benefits** • for SNAP participants
- **Food Choice**
 - Efforts to limit food purchases of SNAP hhs
- **Limiting SNAP for Underemployed/Work Requirements** •





Budget Reconciliation and SNAP

Next Admin's Goals for **Reconciliation:**

- **Extend tax cuts**
- **Boost U.S. Energy Production**
- Fund the Border Wall
- **Repeal Former Administration Policies**
- Shrink Federal Agencies

- - move forward:
 - Funding for skimming reimbursements
 - Reduced benefit amounts
- Fewer staff/less funding to administer the program



What does this mean for SNAP: SNAP policies reversed or do not



Three Action Steps

- **1. Connect with partners many different voices must weigh in**
- 2. Collect/Share stories positive and practical impact SNAP that
 - SNAP has on families must be highlighted
- 3. Talk to legislators about SNAP bring/share stories from constituents





Other Pressing Issues:

TN will lose S-EBT in 2025 unless we act now:

- 1) Urge Governor Lee & Commissioner Carter <u>send a letter/individual</u> <u>sign-on</u>
- 2) Join the Organizational Sign-on Here
- 3) Save the Children Add your name to the petition
- 4) Share a story about how S-EBT helps families <u>Here</u>
- 5) Write an Op-ED
- 6) Join the <u>S-EBT partners group</u>
- 7) Check out the <u>TJC story map</u> and learn more!











We <u>MUST</u> protect Medicaid & SNAP!

We did it in 2017 and will follow the same playbook now:

- Make sure people know these cuts will touch <u>all of us</u>. •
- Tell Congress not to use Medicaid and SNAP to pay for tax cuts
- Convince Congress that Medicaid and SNAP are kryptonite: "If you want tax cuts, don't tie them to unpopular cuts to Medicaid & SNAP."





Both a Sprint <u>AND</u> a Marathon

- It's a sprint to keep Medicaid and SNAP cuts out of the **Budget Reconciliation process as early as January.**
- This battle will likely continue throughout 2025, with a second Budget Reconciliation resolution in later months, so we need to prepare for marathon effort
- The good news: If we can protect the safety net in 2025, the threat is much diminished in 2026







Action steps to take NOW!

- Immediately contact your Member of Congress
- Immediately contact <u>Senator Marsha Blackburn</u> and **Senator Bill Hagerty**
- Tell them you are one of the <u>70% of Americans who want</u> to maintain Medicaid *as is*
- Tell them you are with the <u>nearly 2 out of 3 conservative</u> **<u>consumers</u>** who support federal food programs
- Share our fact sheet with friends, family, and organizations!
- Ask your organization to share the word!





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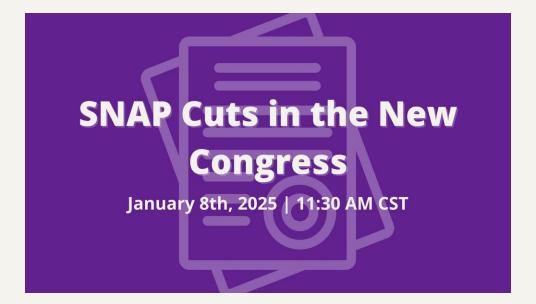
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THANK YOU!





