

SNAP Rules Have Changed!



Federal law (HR1) changed SNAP rules. Many adults ages 18-64 who do not have an exception must complete 80 activity hours of work, volunteer, or qualifying job training programs each month to maintain SNAP benefits.



Providers and community partners play a key role in helping SNAP customers understand these requirements, document compliance, and avoid losing their benefits.



>> Immigration-Related Changes



Some lawfully present immigrants may no longer qualify when they apply or renew their SNAP. Eligibility will be reviewed during SNAP renewal.

>> Who Needs to Complete Activity Hours?

SNAP customers must meet activity hour requirements if they

- Are age 18 to 64
- Are not caring for a child under age 14
- Are able to work
- Do not qualify for an exception

Some populations that were previously exempt may now be subject to requirements, including veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness, and young adults aging out of foster care.

>> Who Does Not Need to Complete Activity Hours?

SNAP customers are exempt from the activity hour requirements if they are

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| ☐ Under age 18 or age 65+ | ☐ Enrolled in school at least half-time |
| ☐ Pregnant | ☐ Receiving unemployment benefits |
| ☐ Disabled or receiving SSI | ☐ Native American |
| ☐ Working 30+ hours per week | ☐ Living in a waived county or Pueblo* |
| ☐ Caring for a child under age 14 or a disabled household member | ☐ In a drug or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program |

*Luna County, Laguna Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, Taos Pueblo, and Tesuque Pueblo

>> Activity Hour Requirements

- ✓ Qualifying activities include employment, volunteer/community service, job training, and SNAP Employment & Training (E&T). Activities can be combined to meet the requirements.
- i **SNAP customers must complete 80 activity hours per month.**

>> Documentation and Reporting

- SNAP customers must report activity hours when applying for SNAP, renewing SNAP benefits, or when activity hours fall below 80 hours per month.
 - They should keep records of all activity hours and provide documentation when requested.
 - Acceptable documentation includes pay stubs, volunteer logs, and training records.
- >> **SNAP customers do not need to report activity hours every month.**

>> How You Can Help SNAP Customers

- ✓ **Educate:** Explain rules and exceptions
- ✓ **Support:** Connect customers to work, training, or volunteer opportunities
- ✓ **Prevent Loss:** Encourage recordkeeping, responding to notices, and updating contact info

KEY MESSAGES FOR SNAP CUSTOMERS

- ✓ Make sure your contact information is up to date
 - ✓ Check to see whether you need to complete activity hours
 - ✓ Complete 80 activity hours every month if required
 - ✓ Keep proof of your activity hours
- >> **Watch for mail from HCA and respond right away**



WHERE TO REFER SNAP CUSTOMERS

- 🔍 Learn More: **HCA.NM.GOV/KeepYourBenefitsNM**
- 📞 Call: **1-800-283-4465**
- 💻 Applying & Reporting: **YES.NM.GOV**
- 👤 Visit: **Local Income Support Division offices**

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