

# NEW SNAP POLICY IMPROVES ACCESS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

More Tennesseans might now qualify for SNAP!

Tennessee adopted **Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE)**, which (1) allows working households to save for the future, (2) keep some SNAP when they have a modest increase in earnings and (3) makes some households newly eligible. The new policy ...

## ➤ IMPROVES SNAP ACCESS FOR WORKING HOUSEHOLDS BY CHANGING INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Household Size	Monthly Gross Income
1	\$2,608
2	\$3,525
3	\$4,442
4	\$5,358

### INCREASES INCOME LIMIT

Raises gross income limit to **200%** of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) and maintains net income limit at 100% FPL

*\*REMEMBER:* Submit household expenses for net income – housing, child support, medical expenses, etc.

### REMOVES ASSET TEST

Allows families to maintain savings without jeopardizing their SNAP benefits

Families previously denied for having more than \$3,000 in savings, should reapply!

## ➤ REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND BURDEN TO THE STATE

What does this mean for the TN-Department of Human Services (T-DHS)



Supports administrative efficiency by reducing the complexity of the application process for the agency and applicants

Reduces risk of errors during eligibility determination, which post HR1, could decrease or eliminate the state's new SNAP benefits cost

## ➤ ADDRESSES THE BENEFITS CLIFF

The **benefits cliff** happens when a household experiences a modest increase in earnings that pushes them above the SNAP income threshold, causing them to lose SNAP, BUT the loss of benefits is larger than their increase in household income. This cliff adversely affects poor, working Tennesseans. The new BBCE policy allows working families to accept a raise and keep some SNAP benefits at the same time, to avoid a sudden loss of program benefits. BBCE encourages SNAP participants to get and keep jobs!

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## SPREAD THE WORD IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

**Tell families about how changes to SNAP eligibility could help their families access food support!**

Families who were not eligible for SNAP might now be able to enroll and receive benefits. Additionally, families with children who enroll in SNAP can then be directly certified for free school meals!