

SNAP Changes in 2026



H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), passed in July 2025 made many significant changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

To help Summit County residents better understand what this means, we are breaking down parts of the new law. This is only a small portion of the changes made to the program, and does not account for any changes in Medicaid. We will provide more guidance as it becomes available.

For more information, please visit co.summitoh.net/SNAPandMedicaid

Changes to Funding: Benefit Costs

Cost-sharing for Benefits (the actual \$\$ on a SNAP recipient's EBT card when they swipe it at the grocery store)		The federal government has paid 100% of SNAP Benefits since SNAP began in 1964.
	New	Now, states must pay a percentage of Benefit Costs based on their statewide <u>error rate</u> .

Payment Error Rate	Under 6%	6% - 7.99%	8% - 9.99%	10% or higher
State pays % of Benefits	0%	5%	10%	15%
Ohio will pay annually beginning in FY28*	\$0 annually	\$158 million annually	\$316 million annually	\$473 million annually

Current Error Rates

National average = 10.93%
Ohio statewide = 9%
Summit County = 3.48%

From FY2024

Previously, states paid \$0 in Benefit Costs.

If Ohio's error rate remains at 9%, Ohio must pay **\$316 million annually** in Benefit Costs alone.

There is currently no pathway to afford this new cost.

During FY24, only 8 states (Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming) had error rates under 6%. All remaining states must now pay a portion of Benefit Costs for the first time in history.

For FY28, states must use error rate from either Oct. 2024 – Oct. 2025; or Oct. 2025 – Oct. 2026. FY2029 and beyond, the cost share is based on the error rate from 3 fiscal years prior.