

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

Cost-sharing for Benefits

(the actual \$\$ on a SNAP recipient's EBT card when they swipe it at the grocery store)

New

The federal government has paid 100% of SNAP Benefits since SNAP began in 1964.

Now, states must pay a percentage of Benefit Costs based on their statewide error rate.

So, what is an Error Rate?

An error occurs when a SNAP recipient does not receive the amount of benefits that they should.

Errors include both overpayments and underpayments—when clients received *too little money* or *too much money* in benefits.

Errors originate from client errors (ex. incorrectly filling out a form), case worker errors, and system errors.

Error *rates* are calculated by reviewing a sample of SNAP cases.

The error rate is a measure of quality assurance, not an indicator of fraud.

FY2024 Error Rates

National average = 10.93%

Ohio statewide = 9%

Summit County = 3.48%

Summit County takes quality assurance very seriously.

We run our own internal quality assurance program to reduce errors & have invested heavily in staff training.

To calculate our error rate for FY25, Summit County conducted 2,589 total case reviews, compared to 900 conducted by the State of Ohio.