

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

Expected Impact of Using Error Rates to Dictate State Costs

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

For Fiscal Year 2028, states' new costs for SNAP will be based on the percentage of errors occurring **now through October 2026**. (October 2025 – October 2026)

Ohio's current error rate is 9%.

At this current error rate, the State of Ohio will be required to pay an additional \$316 million starting October 2027, in addition to other new costs from the OBBB.

The State of Ohio must cover this new cost burden, reducing the amount of funding allocated for staffing, training, and operations.

New documentation requirements increases staff workload significantly.

***More work + fewer resources =
more errors = reduction in funds*** ↩