

SNAP Changes in 2026



H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB), 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

Timeline of SNAP Changes

March 2026

Many SNAP participants who were previously exempt from work requirements must now work 20 hours/week and report documentation proving this.

- *(i.e. paystubs, 1099 forms, employer letter/form, etc.)*

June 2026

If newly affected SNAP participants have not provided documentation that they are fulfilling work requirements, they will not be eligible for SNAP benefits:

- *until documenting they have **worked** 80 hours/month*
- OR**
- *until March 2029*

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October 2026

Ohio will lose 25% of administrative funding for SNAP (\$51 million) from the federal government annually.

- *Summit County will lose \$2.1 million annually.*

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If Ohio's error rate remains above 6%, Ohio must pay an additional \$158 million – \$473 million in Benefit Costs annually.

- *This will be the first time in history the federal government has not fully funded Benefit Costs.*