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**Government of Guam Provides November 2025 General Food Assistance  
to Support SNAP Households**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public and Social Services (DPHSS) informs the community that federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be temporarily paused beginning November 1, 2025, due to ongoing budget discussions in Washington, D.C.

To help families maintain access to food during this period, the Government of Guam will provide locally funded General Food Assistance Benefits (GFAB) for the month of November 2025.

This effort, led by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Lieutenant Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, and the 38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature, ensures that island residents who rely on SNAP continue to have food support while federal funding remains on hold. Following the notification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the administration swiftly introduced legislation to secure local funds for GFAB. The measure, Bill No. 1(4-S), was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor on October 27, 2025 (Public Law 38-75).

“More than 43,000 of our neighbors depend on SNAP to put food on the table,” said Director Theresa C. Arriola. “When that lifeline is disrupted, it does not just cause inconvenience. It brings fear, stress, and uncertainty to families already doing everything they can to make ends meet. We see the sacrifices parents make, the tough choices between bills and groceries, and the heartbreak of not knowing if there will be enough to eat.” Arriola added, “As the holidays draw near, a time that should be filled with warmth and togetherness, this assistance is a critical bridge for families facing hardship. We are deeply grateful that our community and leaders have come together to ensure no one is left behind. We encourage everyone to plan ahead and make these benefits last while we wait for stability to return.”

**How to Use GFAB**

SNAP families are encouraged to use any remaining SNAP benefits from previous months first. Once those benefits are fully used, families may switch to using November GFAB by **pressing ‘Cash’ at the register to continue purchasing APPROVED FOOD ITEMS.**

### **Helpful Tips for Families**

DPHSS encourages all SNAP families make the most of their benefits by:

- Choosing foods that freeze well, such as meats and vegetables
- Stocking up on canned goods and shelf-stable goods
- Prioritize foods like rice, beans, and pasta
- Preparing filling meals like soups, chili, and casseroles

### **Distribution Details**

- 50% of the November GFAB will be issued on the same dates that SNAP benefits are typically distributed
- The remaining 50% will be released in mid-November if federal SNAP benefits remain unavailable

DPHSS continues to coordinate with federal partners and monitor updates closely. Should SNAP benefits resume, recipients will be notified through official DPHSS announcements, media releases, social media and mailed notices.

For additional information, please contact the DPHSS Bureau of Economic Security (BES) at (671) 300-8853/72 or visit [dphss.guam.gov](http://dphss.guam.gov).

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