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Changes coming to food stamps in Virginia

Attention Virginia food stamp recipients.

Effective October 1, the Food Stamp Program will be called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. The name change will not affect your benefits, and you will not need to reapply.

Also, your SNAP benefit amount will automatically change in October.

Your benefit may increase or decrease, depending on the circumstances. Changes to SNAP include:

- higher income limits;
- a change in the standard deduction that is allowed for every household;
- new amounts for meal allowance for daycare providers
- different amounts for daycare deductions and the telephone and utility standards

For questions or more information, contact your local department of social services.

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