

Your Food Supplement Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program) Benefits Will Go Up April 1, 2009!

Why are my benefits going up?

- There is a new law called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. You might have heard it called the **stimulus package**.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or **SNAP is the new federal name for the Food Stamp Program**. In Maryland, SNAP is called the Food Supplement Program.
- Because of the law, you get more Food Supplement benefits.



How can I use the extra benefits?

- Use your extra benefits to **buy food** at your grocery store.

How do I get the extra benefits?

- The extra benefits will be **added automatically** to your EBT card. You do not have to do anything.

How much extra do I get?

Some households with 1 or 2 people who get the minimum benefit of \$14 a month may get \$16 a month starting in April. Others may get more.

- **Look at the table** below to see how much more you may get each month.
- For example: If there are 3 people in your household and right now you get \$250 each month, then in April, you would get \$313 each month. ($\$250 + \$63 = \313)

People in Household	Increase
1	+ \$24
2	+ \$44
3	+ \$63
4	+ \$80
5	+ \$95
6	+ \$114
7	+ \$126
8	+ \$144
	Each extra person + \$18



How long will I get the extra benefits?

- The extra amount will not go down, but you may not get a larger amount in October when the amount normally goes up.