

In order
to participate
in SCCAP,
you must have
no earned income
and you must
either live alone
or purchase
and prepare
your meals
separately from
others in your
household.

**Contact Your Local Social Security
Administration (SSA) Office or
SCCAP Toll Free at 1-888-898-0055.**

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- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

You may file a complaint of discrimination by contacting DSS. Write DSS Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 1520 Columbia, S.C. 29202-1520; or call (800) 311-7220 or (803) 898-8080 or TTY: (800) 311-7219.



**SOUTH
CAROLINA
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PROJECT**

**ELIGIBILITY
REGULATIONS AND
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South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) Eligibility Regulations

The South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) has been established so that when you apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) you may also apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits without filling out an additional application at the Department of Social Services. If you choose to receive SNAP, your benefit level will be determined by DSS when your SSI application is approved. If approved, you will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card which will enable you to buy food at authorized retailers. You will remain eligible for SNAP benefits as long as you continue to receive SSI and complete the SNAP renewal process. If SSI is denied, you may apply for SNAP at any DSS office.

If you want to receive SNAP right away, you may apply at any local DSS county office in order to receive SNAP while awaiting determination of your SSI application. In SCCAP, SNAP benefits begin with SSI approval, **not** at application. When SSI is approved, you will automatically be transferred to SCCAP.

Once participating, you will continue to receive SNAP benefits through SCCAP unless you opt-out of the project. Once you have opted-out, you must verify medical expenses exceeding \$50 per month, payment of legally obligated child support to someone outside of your household, and/or shelter and utility expenses with a monthly average of \$444 or more.

If either of these situations exist and you choose to opt out of SCCAP, you may submit a regular SNAP application to any DSS county office.

South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) Rights and Responsibilities

Privacy Act Statement:

Federal and state laws and regulations limit the use and disclosure of confidential information concerning applicants and recipients of economic and medical assistance programs to the purposes directly related to the administration of these programs.

Social Security Number:

Social Security numbers will be used to check identity to prevent duplicate participation and to facilitate making mass changes. They will also be used in computer matching and program review or audits to make sure you are eligible for assistance.

Information obtained may affect your eligibility and level of benefits. Inaccurate or false information may result in criminal or civil action or administrative claims for fraudulent participation in SNAP.

DSS does not share Social Security Numbers (SSNs) or citizenship/immigration status for non-applicants and individuals ineligible for benefits with the US Department of Homeland Security. DSS will use SSNs in the state income and eligibility verification system and other computer matching and program reviews. This information may be verified through other sources when discrepancies are found and may also affect your household's eligibility and benefit level.

This information, including the Social Security Number (SSN) of each household member, is authorized under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. This information will also be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management. Providing the requested information, including the SSN of each household member, is voluntary. However, failure to provide an SSN will result in the denial of SNAP benefits to each individual failing to provide an SSN.

Any SSNs provided will be used and disclosed in the same manner as SSNs of eligible members.

Changes:

- You must report all changes to the Social Security Administration according to their requirements. Failure to do so is considered withholding information and will permit the Department to recover any benefits paid in error.
- You must report to the Department when you win lottery or gambling winnings equal to or greater than \$3500 from a single game before taxes or other withholdings. This change must be reported by the tenth day of the month following the change.

Penalty Warnings:

- DO NOT buy ineligible items such as alcoholic beverages or tobacco with SNAP benefits.
- DO NOT use your EBT card to pay for food charged to a credit account.
- Violators of the above rules may not be able to get SNAP benefits for a period of 1 year to permanently and may be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned up to 20 years or both. A court can also add an additional 18-month SNAP participation restriction for an individual.
- DO NOT buy or sell firearms, ammunition or explosives with SNAP benefits; if you do, you can never get SNAP benefits again.
- DO NOT buy or sell illegal drugs with SNAP benefits; DO NOT trade, sell or alter Electronic Benefit (EBT) cards; if you do, you cannot get SNAP benefits for 24 months for the 1st offense and permanently for the 2nd offense.
- DO NOT trade, sell or share EBT cards or SNAP benefits. If a court of law finds you guilty of selling benefits of \$500 or more, you will be permanently ineligible to participate in the program for the first offense.
- DO NOT receive SNAP benefits in more than one state for the same month. Any individual found to have made a fraudulent statement, or fraudulent representation of identity or residence in order to receive benefits shall be ineligible to receive SNAP benefits for 10 years.
- Any member of your Household who intentionally breaks the rules may not get SNAP for 12 months for the first offense, 24 months for the second offense and permanently for the third offense.