



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Sunset of Replacement of Stolen Benefits Plans

On December 29, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (the Omnibus, P.L. 117-328). The Omnibus included provisions for the replacement of SNAP benefits stolen via card skimming, card cloning, and other similar fraudulent methods between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2024, using Federal funds. This authority was extended through December 20, 2024, by the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 118-83). State SNAP agencies were directed to submit plans for the replacement of stolen benefits to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), which were then reviewed and approved by FNS.

On December 21, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the American Relief Act, 2025 (P.L. 118-158). The American Relief Act, 2025, does not provide authority for the replacement of SNAP benefits stolen via card skimming, card cloning, and other similar fraudulent methods. **Thus, SNAP benefits that are stolen on or after December 21, 2024, are not eligible for replacement using Federal funds.**

- **Beware of phishing.** State agencies and EBT processors will never call or text you to ask for your PIN or card number. If you receive a call or text asking for your PIN or card number, it is a scam. If you provide your information over the phone or text, you risk having your SNAP benefits stolen.
- **Avoid simple PINs.** Number combinations such as 1111, 1234 or 9876 may be easy for others to guess.
- **Change your PIN often.** Change your PIN at least once a month, right before your benefit issuance date.
- **Keep your PIN and card number secret.** Do not share your PIN or card number with anyone outside your household. Cover the keypad when you enter your PIN on a machine.
- **Check your EBT account regularly for unauthorized charges.** South Carolina residents should only utilize the ConnectEBT app or www.connectebt.com