



**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
(SNAP) Provisions in Farm Bill Reauthorization  
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SNAP Provision	Current Law	House Bill, H.R. 3102 (passed 9-19-13*)	Senate Farm Bill, S. 954 (passed 6-10-13**)	Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 HR 2642 (Congress approved 2-4-14***)  <i>All provisions effective upon enactment (February 7, 2014) unless otherwise noted.</i>
<b>Standard Utility Allowance Based on Receipt of Energy Assistance Payments</b>	LIHEAP payments of any amount entitle household to use of standard utility allowance.	<b>Section 107</b> – LIHEAP payment must be more than \$20/yr. to entitle household to standard utility allowance (SUA). Effective 10/1/13, state may phase in benefit reductions over 6 months for existing recipients. Payment must have been received in current or prior 12 months.	<b>Section 4003</b> – LIHEAP payment must be more than \$10/yr. to entitle household to SUA. Effective 10/1/13, state may phase in benefit reductions over 6 months for existing recipients. Payment must have been received in current or prior 12 months.	<b>Section 4006</b> – LIHEAP payment must be more than \$20/yr. to entitle household to SUA. Payment must have been received in current or prior 12 months. <i>Effective date: 30 days after enactment, and will apply with respect to certification periods that begin after that date; however, states may phase in reductions for up to 5 months for existing recipients.</i>
<b>Grants to States for E&amp;T Programs</b>	Proportionate share of \$79 million for FY 2013, \$90 million thereafter.	<b>Section 120</b> – National total grant funding fixed at \$79 million per year.	<b>Section 4013</b> – National total grant funding set at \$90 million for FYs 2014 through 2017, \$80 million thereafter.	<b>Section 4022</b> – National total grant funding set at \$90 million per year.
<p>* <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> – enter H.R. 3102, click on Text of Legislation, then the “Passed House” version</p> <p>** <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> – enter S. 954, click on Text of Legislation, then the “Public Print” version</p> <p>*** <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> – enter H.R. 2642, click on Text of Legislation, then the “Enrolled Bill” version</p>				

<p><b>Pilot Projects to Reduce Dependency and Increase Work Effort</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 123</b> – Authorizes state pilots that identify best practices to raise unsubsidized employment, increase earned income, and reduce reliance on public assistance. USDA will report to Congress by 9-30-17. \$10 million to be made available for each FY 2014 through 2016.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4022</b> – Up to 10 states may conduct pilot projects with work requirements similar to TANF. Project may last up to 3 years, with funds available through 9-30-18. Project funds (\$10 million for FY 2014, \$190 million for FY 2015) must supplement, not supplant, federal funds for existing E&amp;T activities. <i>Effective date: Upon enactment; USDA to issue regulations with 180 days of enactment.</i></p>
<p><b>Categorical Eligibility</b></p>	<p>Household categorically eligible if receiving TANF-funded benefit or SSI.</p>	<p><b>Section 105</b> – Household categorically eligible only if all members receive TANF cash or SSI.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring Employment and Training Program</b></p>	<p>USDA must monitor E&amp;T effectiveness, i.e., increase in number of people who obtain and retain employment.</p>	<p><b>Section 121</b> – USDA will develop more rigorous reporting requirements in conjunction with Secretary of Labor. If state outcomes are determined to be inadequate, USDA may require plan modifications. USDA must conduct a study on practices every 5 years and report to Congress.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4022</b> – USDA will develop more rigorous reporting requirements in conjunction with Secretary of Labor. If state outcomes are determined to be inadequate, USDA may require plan modifications. USDA must conduct a study on practices every 5 years and report to Congress.</p>

<p><b>Work Requirements</b></p>	<p>States must conduct employment and training programs. Recipients must cooperate with E&amp;T program requirements. ABAWDs waivers are allowed in areas with high unemployment, etc.</p>	<p><b>Section 139</b> – States may opt to require 20 hours a week of work, training, etc., for all able-bodied parents with children over 1 (if child care is available) and with children over 6 (if in school). States can keep half of savings resulting from taking the option. States will no longer receive E&amp;T match unless they take the option.</p> <p><b>Section 109</b> – Current ABAWDs waivers replaced by a 15% exemption.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4022</b> – States that commit to serving all ABAWDs are subject to increased monitoring/reporting.</p>
<p><b>Medical Marijuana</b></p>	<p>Substances illegal under federal law cannot be deductible medical expenses.</p>	<p><b>Section 106</b> – Medical marijuana is excluded from being a deductible medical expense.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4005</b> – Same as House.</p>
<p><b>Ineligibility of Lottery Winners</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 110</b> – Receipt of substantial lottery or gambling winnings results in immediate ineligibility.</p>	<p><b>Section 4005</b> – Same as House.</p>	<p><b>Section 4009</b> – Same as House/Senate. Secretary will define “substantial”. Household ineligible until again meets resource/income requirements. Must use info. from state gaming entities to extent practicable.</p>
<p><b>Ineligibility of Convicted Felons</b></p>	<p>No Provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 137</b> – Person ineligible if convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, sexual assault, or murder.</p>	<p><b>Section 4020</b> – Same as House.</p>	<p><b>Section 4008</b> – Person ineligible if convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, sexual assault, or murder, <i>and</i> is in violation of terms of sentence or is a fleeing felon.</p>

<p><b>Student Eligibility</b></p>	<p>Higher ed. Students may be eligible if participating in employment and training program.</p>	<p><b>Section 108</b> – For E&amp;T exception to student eligibility, higher ed. must be Perkins program to be completed within 4 years at institution of higher ed., or be limited to remedial courses, basic adult ed., literacy, or ESL.</p>	<p><b>Section 4004</b> – Same as House.</p>	<p><b>Section 4007</b> – Same as House/Senate.</p>
<p><b>Use of National Directory of New Hires</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 140</b> – States must use National Directory of New Hires when certifying households.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4013</b> – Same as House.</p>
<p><b>Verification of Citizenship/Alien Status</b></p>	<p>States must verify Immigration status of aliens.</p>	<p><b>Section 115</b> – States must use IEVS/SAVE to verify alien status.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4015</b> – Same as House.</p>
<p><b>Annual Reporting on Deceased, Dual-enrolled, and Disqualified Persons</b></p>	<p>No requirement.</p>	<p><b>Section 133</b> – States must report annually how they ensured that no benefits were issued to a person deceased, disqualified, or receiving benefits in another state.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4032</b> – States must report annually how they ensured that no benefits were issued to a deceased or permanently disqualified person.</p>
<p><b>Cooperation With Research and Evaluation</b></p>	<p>No requirement.</p>	<p><b>Section 122</b> – States and other organizations must cooperate with federal studies and submit information as required.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4023</b> – Same as House, but with reference to privacy protection added.</p>
<p><b>Data Standards</b></p>	<p>No requirement.</p>	<p><b>Section 116</b> – USDA will establish nonproprietary, interoperable standards for data reporting.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4016</b> – Same as House. No additional funding provided. <i>Effective date: USDA to issue regulations “not later than 2 years after enactment.”</i></p>

<p><b>Quality Control Error Threshold</b></p>	<p>By regulation, threshold for determining cases to be in error is set at \$50. No threshold in Act.</p>	<p><b>Section 131</b> – Threshold for errors set at \$25 for FY 2014, to be indexed each year thereafter by increases in Thrifty Food Plan.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4019</b> – Threshold for errors set at \$37 for FY 2014, to be indexed each year thereafter by increases in Thrifty Food Plan. <i>Effective date: The \$37 level is effective for FY 2014 (Oct. 1, 2013).</i></p>
<p><b>Payment of High Performance Bonuses to States</b></p>	<p>States compete for awards totaling \$48 million for several measures of high or improved performance.</p>	<p><b>Section 119</b> – Eliminates high performance bonuses.</p>	<p><b>Section 4012</b> – Limits state use of bonus payments to investments in SNAP for technology; improvements in administration and distribution; and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.</p>	<p><b>Section 4021</b> – Same as Senate.</p>
<p><b>Waiver of Error Rate Liability</b></p>	<p>Waiver of error rate liability amount is one of several options for settlement.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4011</b> – Removes option for USDA to waive state payment of error rate liability.</p>	<p><b>Section 4020</b> – Same as Senate.</p>
<p><b>SNAP Nutrition Education</b></p>	<p>SNAP Ed funding set by H.R. 8 at \$401 million for FY 2014, \$407 million for FY 2015, to be indexed each year thereafter by CPI increases.</p>	<p><b>Section 128</b> – Adds SNAP Ed projects that promote physical activity. Reduces FY 2014 funding to \$372 million, to be indexed each year thereafter by increases in the CPI.</p>	<p><b>Section 4017</b> – Adds SNAP Ed projects that promote physical activity.</p>	<p><b>Section 4028</b> – Same as Senate.</p>
<p><b>Drug Testing</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 136</b> – States may conduct drug testing of applicants as a condition of receiving benefits.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>

<p><b>Retailer Provisions</b></p>	<p>(Various requirements)</p>	<p><b>Section 102</b> – Amends staple food requirements; requires retailers (with exceptions) to pay all EBT costs; eliminates manual vouchers unless USDA determines necessary; determination of limited food access necessary for retailer approval; EBT service must be adequate.</p> <p><b>Section 103</b> – Establishes as retailers governmental or nonprofit services that deliver food to disabled/elderly persons.</p> <p><b>Section 112</b> – USDA will authorize demonstrations for retailer use of mobile transactions.</p>	<p><b>Section 4006</b> – Amends staple food requirements; requires retailers (with exceptions) to pay all EBT costs, at no cost to users; eliminates manual vouchers unless USDA determines necessary; sets additional standards for store approval and EBT service level.</p> <p><b>Section 4008</b> – With conditions and after demonstrations, USDA will approve retailer use of mobile technologies and on-line transactions.</p> <p><b>Section 4001</b> – Same as House Section 103.</p>	<p><b>Section 4002</b> – Amends staple food requirements; requires retailers (with exceptions) to pay all EBT costs, at no cost to users; eliminates manual vouchers unless USDA determines necessary; sets additional standards for store approval and EBT service level. Technical upgrades and increased documentation required for auditability. <i>Effective date: USDA to issue regulations “no earlier than 2 years after enactment.”</i></p> <p><b>Section 4011</b> – Same as Senate Section 4008.</p> <p><b>Section 4003</b> – Same as House Section 103/Senate Section 4001.</p>
<p><b>Replacement of EBT Cards</b></p>	<p>No limitation.</p>	<p><b>Section 111</b> – USDA may require state to decline replacement unless household provides explanation. States must protect homeless, disabled, crime victims, and other vulnerable persons.</p>	<p><b>Section 4007</b> – Same as House.</p>	<p><b>Section 4010</b> – Same as House/Senate.</p>

<p><b>Expungement of Unused Benefits</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 138</b> – State must expunge unused benefits from EBT accounts 60 days after issuance.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p><b>Payment of Cash for Deposits</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 101</b> – Cash payment for container deposits prohibited.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4001</b> – Cash payment of deposits limited.</p>
<p><b>Direct Marketing Farmers</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 113</b> – Individual producers of agricultural products may be authorized to redeem benefits for the initial cost of purchase of a community-supported agriculture share.</p>	<p><b>Section 4009</b> – Individual producers of agricultural products may be authorized as retailers.</p>	<p><b>Section 4012</b> – Same as Senate.</p>
<p><b>Restaurant Meals</b></p>	<p>With state approval, private concerns may contract with the state to provide meals at concessional prices to elderly, disabled, or homeless persons.</p>	<p><b>Section 114</b> – States must submit plan that documents need for restaurant participation and meets other conditions, such as security, set by USDA. USDA must determine that restaurant participation is required. Annual reports by state required.</p>	<p><b>Section 4010</b> – Same as House.</p>	<p><b>Section 4014</b> – Same as House/Senate.</p>

<p><b>Pilot Projects to Reduce Retailer Fraud</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 117</b> – USDA pilot projects will investigate and reduce retailer fraud, at least one in a top-10-largest urban area. Will allow states to operate.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4017</b> – Same as House.</p>
<p><b>Trafficking</b></p>	<p>No funding explicitly to fight trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Section 129</b> – Adds \$5 million/year to combat recipient and retailer trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Section 4018</b> – Adds \$17 million/year to combat recipient and retailer trafficking.</p>	<p><b>Section 4029</b> – Adds \$5 million/year to combat trafficking plus \$15 million for FY 2014.</p>
<p><b>Funds for Recruitment Activities</b></p>	<p>Federal matching funds provided for outreach activities.</p>	<p><b>Section 118</b> – Prevents USDA from conducting recruitment activities (activities designed to persuade an individual to apply, or promotion of SNAP via television, radio, or billboard ads) advertising the SNAP program through media, and entering into agreements with foreign governments designed to promote SNAP benefits. Also prevents states from being reimbursed for similar activities.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4018</b> – Same as House.</p>
<p><b>Puerto Rico Block Grant</b></p>	<p>25% of benefits may be cash.</p>	<p><b>Section 125</b> – No cash benefits permitted.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p><b>Section 4025</b> – After review by USDA/HHS, cash benefits phased out over 5 yrs. beginning FY 2017.</p>
<p><b>Authorization of Appropriations for SNAP</b></p>	<p>SNAP appropriations authorized through FY 2013.</p>	<p><b>Section 124</b> – Appropriations authorized through FY 2016.</p>	<p><b>Section 4014</b> – Appropriations authorized through FY 2018.</p>	<p><b>Section 2024</b> – Same as Senate.</p>