

# CHANGES COMING TO FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP) BENEFITS

## What is the change?

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government authorized extra food assistance dollars to be distributed to help address food insecurity. These extra benefits are ending in February due to recent federal legislation.

## What does this mean?

Your total food assistance benefits will be less than you have been receiving. The extra federally approved dollars will no longer be included in your benefits.

## When will the change take place?

February is the last month you will receive the extra COVID-19 benefits. Beginning in March, you will receive your regular benefit amount.

## Where can I find my regular benefit amount?

You can find your regular benefit amount by logging into your MIBridges account or the ebtEDGE portal. The grantee on a FAP case can also call 1-844-464-3447 and follow the prompts to obtain the current month's benefit information.

## What can I do to prepare for this change?

1. Make sure to check your regular benefit amount so you can plan for this change.
2. If you need additional resources, we urge you to seek out:
  - Call 2-1-1 to learn about community resources.
    - » Community partners.
    - » Double Up Food Bucks.
    - » Food banks.
    - » WIC (Women, Infants & Children Program).
    - » Free and reduced-price school meals.

