

## Serving time-limited SNAP recipients

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for time-limited SNAP recipients is limited to any three months in a 36-month period unless the individual meets work requirements (defined below). The three-month time limit does not apply to individuals who are receiving cash assistance; under age 18 or 50 years of age or over; residing on a reservation or county that is exempt from the work and time-limit provisions; residing in a unit with a unit member under age 18; or exempt from work registration.

### How can time-limited SNAP recipients meet the work requirement?

Countable work or work program activities are:

- Working, including paid employment, self-employment, in-kind and unpaid work; this includes use of accrued sick or vacation time, if available
- Participating in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services equal to or more than the time-limited SNAP recipient work requirement of 20 hours per week, averaged 80 hours per month
- Participating in Trade Adjustment Act services equal to or more than the work requirement of 20 hours per week, averaged 80 hours per month
- Participating in SNAP Employment and Training activities.

**NOTE: For a time-limited participant, Supervised Job Search and Job Search Training are not countable activities unless they make up less than 50% of the required 80 hours per month, or the participant is co-enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), under section 236 of the Trade Act, or a program of employment and training for veterans operated by the Department of Labor or the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Time-limited SNAP recipients who exhaust their three months of benefits and still do not meet the work requirement may lose their benefits for the remainder of the 36-month time period. An individual can regain eligibility during this time period by becoming exempt or meeting the work requirement for 30 days, after which they remain eligible to receive SNAP for as long as they continue to meet work requirements.

Time-limited SNAP recipients can also regain eligibility after exhausting the first three months by verifying that they have worked or participated in work activities for at least 80 hours during any consecutive 30 days, and the work activities have ended or hours have been reduced. The individual would then qualify for a second three-month period of eligibility. This can only be given once in the 36-month period.

Again, the work and time-limit provisions do not apply to those who reside in areas of the state that are granted a waiver of the three-month time limit by the federal Food and Nutrition Service.