

## Federal Government Shutdown Impacts on State Programs

This document contains information on current fiscal and service impacts of the federal shutdown on Minnesota programs and does not reflect anticipated future impacts of the federal shutdown. The impacts outlined here are directly tied to programs administered by the state of Minnesota and do not reflect the totality of impacts across Minnesota.

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Program	Federal Agency	State Agency	Impact Date	Impact Description	Link to Additional Information
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach	U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Department of Children, Youth, & Families	10/1/2025	The shutdown has delayed USDA's approval of the SNAP outreach state plan. This means that about 30 grantees that provide information, outreach, and application assistance are unable to provide these services.	<a href="https://dcyf.mn.gov/federal-shutdown">https://dcyf.mn.gov/federal-shutdown</a>
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services	Department of Commerce	10/1/2025	There are no funds for heating assistance in federal fiscal year 2026 without an appropriation or continuing resolution. This means that Minnesotans who rely on LIHEAP assistance may struggle to pay for home heating fuel (households whose heating source is connected to utility-provided fuel have protections through Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule; these protections do not extend to those using delivered fuel like propane).	<a href="https://mn.gov/commerce/news/#/detail/appId/2/id/710753">https://mn.gov/commerce/news/#/detail/appId/2/id/710753</a>
Nursing Home Licensure & Regulation	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Department of Health	10/1/2025	MDH is responsible for routine and critical health safety inspections of nursing homes under an agreement with the federal government. Routine inspections have been paused because federal funding funding for this activity ended on 9/30/25. At this time, MDH continues to investigate critical complaints, and federally funded employees have shifted to state funded health regulation work.	<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/nursinghomes/licnh.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/nursinghomes/licnh.html</a>

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Department of Children, Youth, & Families	11/1/2025	On Friday, Nov. 7, DCYF issued full November SNAP benefits to SNAP recipients. Those benefits were issued based on clear guidance received earlier in the day from the USDA. Late on Saturday, Nov. 8, DCYF received a memo from the USDA requiring states to “immediately undo” actions to issue full SNAP benefits. MN does not have any mechanism for taking money back from SNAP recipients, and November benefits will remain active. It remains unclear if November benefits will be reimbursed by the Federal government due to ongoing court proceedings.	<a href="https://dcyf.mn.gov/federal-shutdown">https://dcyf.mn.gov/federal-shutdown</a>