PREPARE FOR SNAP AND MEDICAID CHANGES!

What To Expect: SNAP households will see a reduction in monthly SNAP benefits in March 2023 and Medicaid renewals and disenrollments will begin with renewals due in May 2023 and continue for a year based on a member's annual renewal date.

Why is this change happening?

Under the <u>federal budget bill</u> passed in December, SNAP households will see a reduction in monthly benefits based on your household income and expenses and Medicaid will return to normal eligibility renewal processes.

Can I appeal?

SNAP households:

No, this action is not subject to appeal. This is a reduction decided by the Federal Government, not the State of Colorado or your County.

Medicaid members:

Yes. Appeal information will be included on the Notice of Action provided along with the reason for the action taken.

What Can I Do To Help My Family Through This Change?

SNAP households:

- If you are able, you can roll over your EBT benefits to the next month. This may help cushion the impact of the reduction in benefits.
- You can stock up on non-perishable items now, while you have the additional benefits.
 Click on these links for tips on stocking your pantry: <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>
- Stretch your ingredients and plan to use them in more than one meal. This helps to save money and reduce food waste. Click for more tips: English | Spanish
- Consider freezing your produce to make fruit and vegetables last longer English | Spanish Visit https: www.foodpantries.org/st/colorado to find the closest food pantry to you.

Medicaid members:

- Make sure Health First Colorado and CHP+ has your current mailing address, phone number, email or other contact information. This way, we will be able to contact you about your Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage. It's easy to update your address.
 Visit <u>CO.gov/PEAK</u> or call your county to change your contact information.
- If you receive a renewal packet, make sure you fill it out, sign it, and return it by the due date.
- If you have questions about the renewal process: <u>Englilsh</u> | <u>Spanish</u>



