

Advocates for Ohio's Future

Preparing for the End of COVID-19 Supports



In the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Congress decoupled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Emergency Allotments and Medicaid continuous coverage from the federal Public Health Emergency. The COVID Cliff - the sudden and combined loss of pandemic-era benefit expansions and flexibilities - will hit Ohioans later this spring, resulting in:



Up to **1 Million** Ohioans removed from Medicaid

A loss of **\$120 Million** in food assistance per month



Timeline of Unwinding

- **February 1, 2023:** Medicaid eligibility redeterminations may begin
- **February 20-24 2023:** SNAP recipients receive their final emergency allotment
- **March 2023:** SNAP benefits return to pre-pandemic assistance levels
- **April 1, 2023:** Medicaid coverage terminations may begin, renewal work continues
- **December 31, 2023:** Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage ends after being stepped down quarterly in 2023, given Ohio meets federal reporting requirements
- **June 2024:** Full Medicaid caseload redeterminations must be completed

Expected Impacts



Exponential increases in call volume at already stressed County Job and Family Services offices



Sudden and sustained demand for additional food assistance from food banks and food pantries following loss of SNAP EAs



Confusion and frustration among Ohio Medicaid members who undergo eligibility redeterminations soon after the Medicaid Next Generation rollout in February



Significant loss in purchasing power in local economies when Ohioans must devote more income to food and health care



Increased, continuous demand for services from local direct service providers, including the legal aid network, health care navigators and in-person enrollment assisters, case managers, and more



1 Parent Works Full Time at Minimum Wage



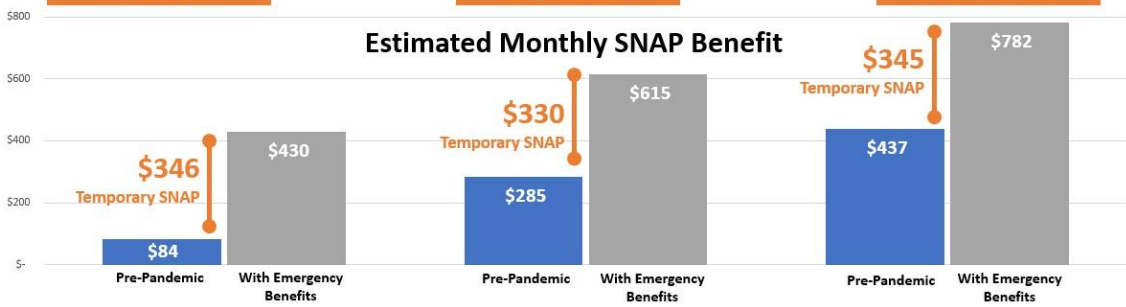
**Single Parent
1 Child**



**Single Parent
2 Children**



**Married Couple
2 Children**



Family of 3: Single Parent, 2 Children

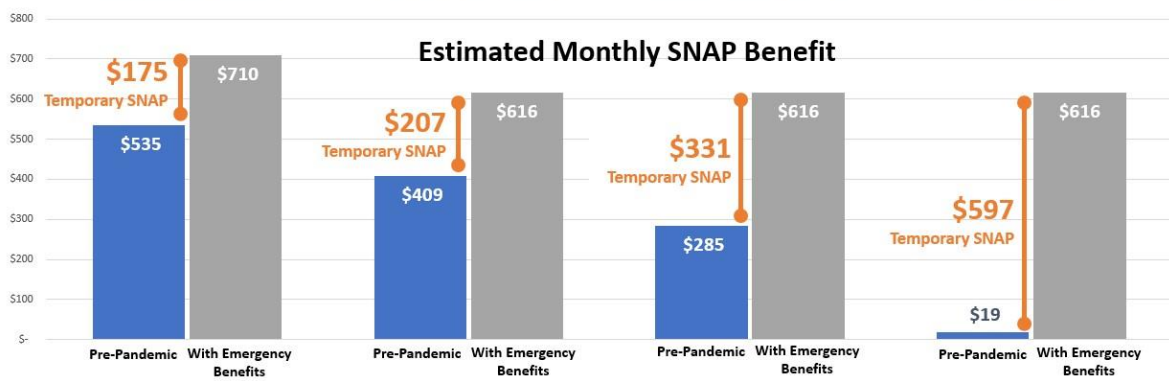


No Earned Income
(disabled child)

Works Part Time
(TANF Eligible)

Works Full Time,
Minimum Wage

Works Full Time,
129% FPL



*End of
Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
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Emergency
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Older Adult Households



Older Adult



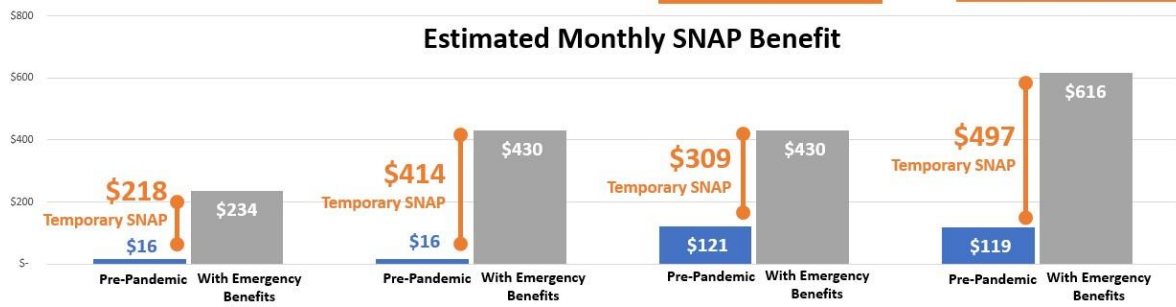
Married Couple



**Older Adult &
Disabled Adult**



**Older Adult &
2 Grandchildren**



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