

SNAP Fact Sheet

Authorized Representatives

SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SNAP is the new name of the Food Stamp Program and its main purpose is to provide recipients with enough resources to purchase nutritious food. SNAP increases a household's ability to buy more nutritious food by supplementing their food budget in order to maintain their health.

What is an Authorized Representative?

If you are unable to get to the SNAP office or the grocery store, you might want to pick an Authorized Representative. An Authorized Representative is someone you pick to do your grocery shopping with your EBT card, or go to the SNAP office for you. To designate an Authorized Representative, you must state authorization in writing.

Who can be an Authorized Representative?

The Authorized Representative you choose should be someone you trust, like a family member or close friend. A trusted worker in a group living facility, or private, non-profit organization could be an Authorized Representative too. They should be aware of your relevant household circumstances, so they can answer the necessary SNAP questions.

Who cannot be an Authorized Representative?

Any DHS employee involved in SNAP and retailers who transact SNAP may not be an Authorized Representative unless approved in writing by a DHS Chief Casework Supervisor. Individuals disqualified from SNAP for fraud cannot act as authorized representatives. Establishments which provide meals to the homeless may not act as authorized representatives for homeless SNAP recipients.

Still have questions about SNAP? Call toll free:

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