



COLORADO
Department of Human Services

Executive Committee Meeting

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

July 30, 2025



Agenda

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Colorado
- Overview of Key Provisions in H.R.1 and Timeline of Implementation
- H.R.1 Provisions Impacting Clients
- H.R.1 Provisions Impacting State Budget

SNAP Caseload numbers for June 2025

334,590 Cases (households)

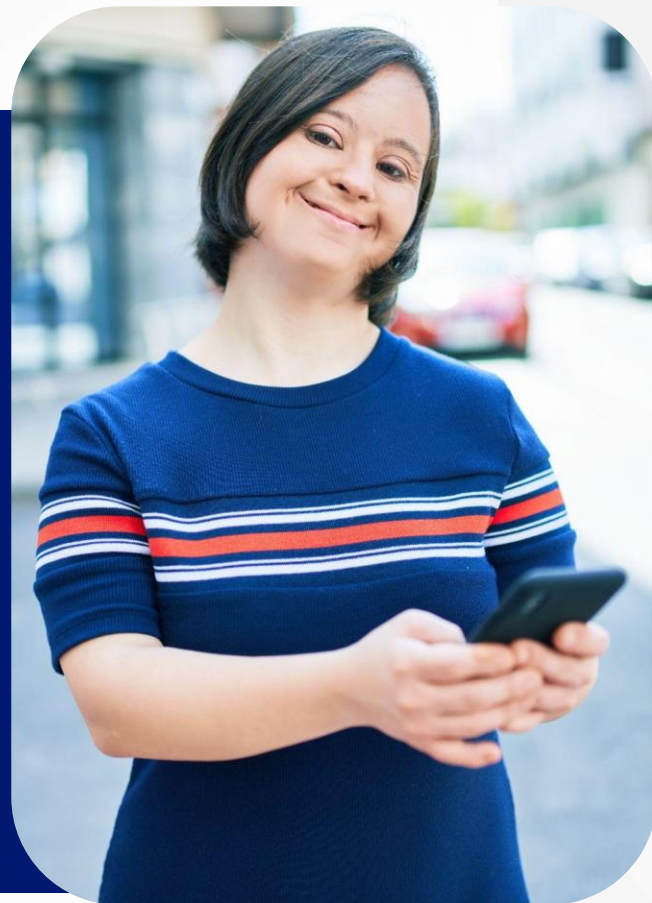
614,911 Individuals

50% are children, 10% elderly, and 15% with disabilities

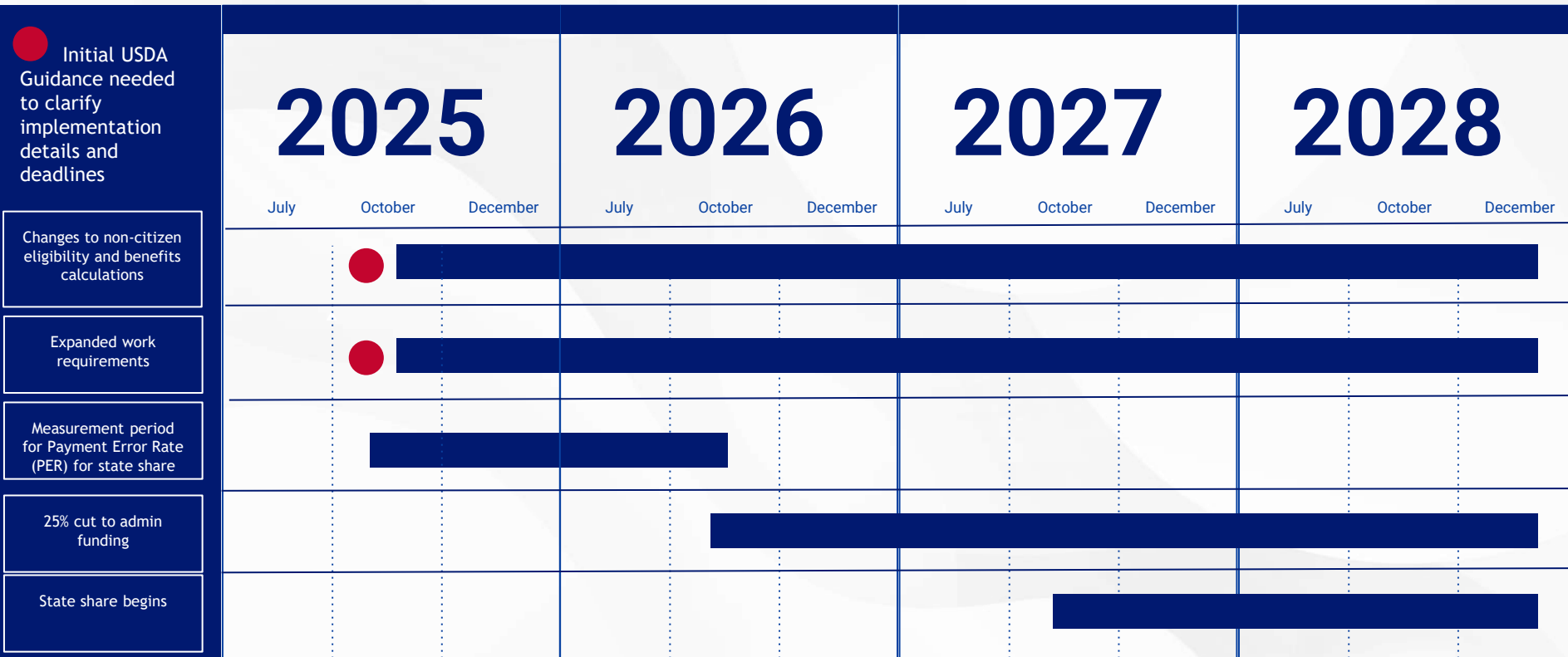
\$123M in benefits issued monthly

\$1.48B* in benefits issued yearly

*Estimated based on June 2025 issuance



H.R.1 SNAP: High Level Implementation Date Timelines





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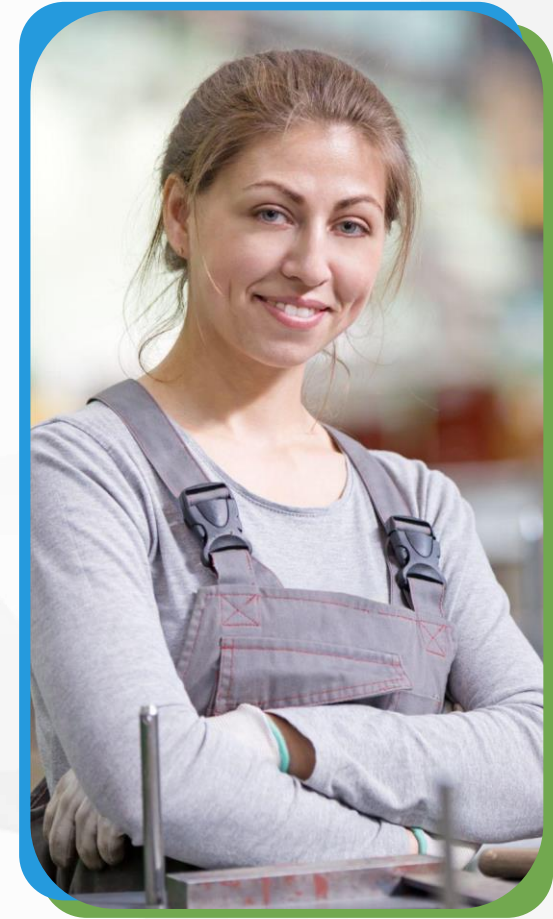
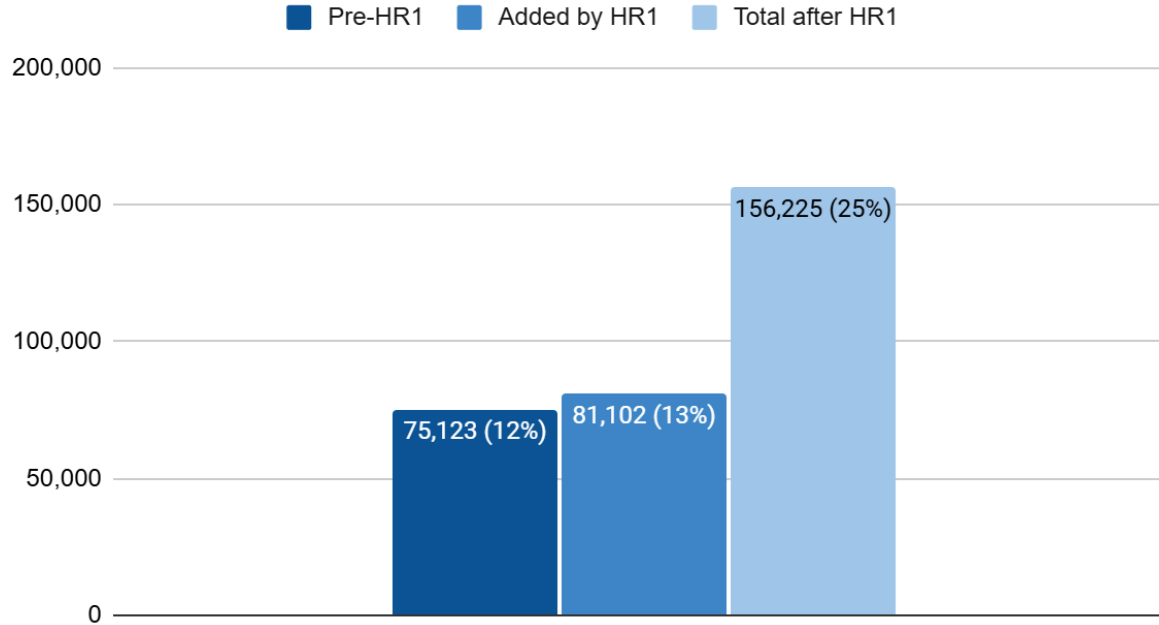
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Client Impact



Work requirements double

SNAP recipients subject to work requirements



Non-citizen eligibility requirements

- Estimated 3,950+ people no longer eligible (under 1 percent of caseload)
- Minimal reduction in benefits issued

SNAP-Ed termination



- In 2024, approximately 13,000 Colorado adults and 17,000 children received direct SNAP Ed outreach and education, and approximately 297,000 Coloradans received nutrition education information through food pantries.
- Elimination of program as of October 1, 2025. A loss of approximately \$6 million per year in federal funds to CO

Estimated Impact to Coloradans



*** 44,000+ Households
could lose all benefits**



***79,000+ individuals in
total could lose benefits**

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These are a rough estimate based on current
information and will likely change



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H.R. 1 State Budget Impact



Administrative cost sharing

Effective October 1, 2026

- Federal match is reduced from 50% to 25%
- Total budget would reduce by nearly \$50 M* (based on FY 2024-25 spending)
 - County Admin = ~(\$31 M)
 - State Admin (SNAP administration, QA, Fair Hearings) = ~(\$1.2 M)
 - CBMS (Operating, contract, pool hours, training) = ~(\$6.8 M)
 - Other spending (Outreach, Workfare, Indirects) = ~(\$10 M)

* Totals are based on a full state FY - however, the reduction would be approximately \$38 M in SFY 26-27 per the mismatch with the federal fiscal year.

What is PER (Payment Error Rate)?

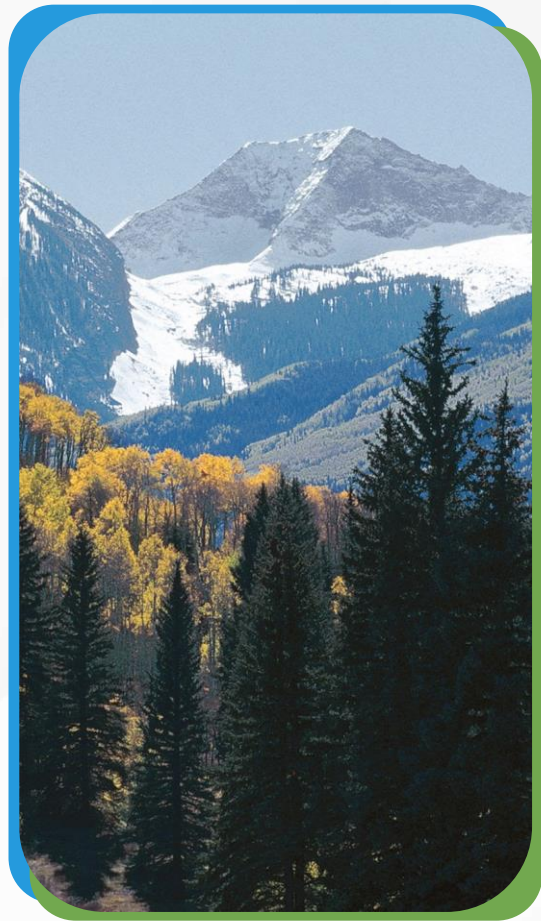
- A measure of SNAP payment accuracy
- Includes both overpayments and underpayments
 - County doesn't process a document in time or misapplies policy
 - Client doesn't submit required documentation
 - CBMS incorrectly applies a rule or policy
- Calculation is a highly federally regulated process, conducted by the CDHS Quality Assurance team
- Rate is statistically valid on a state level for a year - not enough sampling for more granular rates (by county or by month)



Colorado share

Effective date October 1, 2027

- Based on PER from FFY25 or FFY26
- Colorado's FFY24 rate is 9.97%.
- The state share amount depends on both the state PER and the caseload size



State Share Ranges

- PER below 6%: No state match
- PER 6-7.99%: 5% state match
- **PER 8-9.99%: 10% state match**
- PER at 10-13.3%: 15% state match
- PER at 13.3%+: 15% state match but delayed until FY 2030



Questions?

