



HF3469: SNAP AS MEDICINE

In January and February 2024, nearly 6,000 Minnesotans lost SNAP benefits under federal time limits. Many of these adults are struggling with chronic illness, undiagnosed disabilities or addiction. Some are precariously housed or unsheltered.

Hunger exacerbates illness and instability. Food is medicine and SNAP benefits are a lifeline to people throughout Minnesota.

The “SNAP as Medicine” Pilot is an initiative to ensure adults enrolled in Minnesota health care programs can still access state-funded SNAP benefits while a navigator helps them explore how to get re-connected to federal SNAP benefits.

- Two-year pilot program
- Serves single adults between 18-54 without children
- Eligible adults must be enrolled in Minnesota health care programs
- Restores state-funded SNAP benefits to Minnesotans who lost food support
- Requires connection to a county worker or navigator to explore federal eligibility
- Requires a navigator to support connections to health care professionals
- Requires the Commissioner of DHS in collaboration with MDH to evaluate the pilot
- Requires the Commissioner of DHS in collaboration with MDH and community stakeholders to explore federal waivers and/or a Medicaid 1115 demonstration.

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