



CalFresh FAQ – Federal Government Shutdown: Updated October 23, 2025

1. Why are November CalFresh benefits delayed?

Due to the continuing federal government shutdown that began October 1, 2025, CalFresh benefits will be delayed starting November 1, 2025. This is because the federal government has not provided funding for November CalFresh benefits. Funding is available through October, but will pause November 1, 2025, until the shutdown ends or alternate funding is identified.

2. Will I be able to use my CalFresh benefits on my EBT card in November 2025?

According to the California Department of Social Services, you can use your EBT card with any existing benefits as usual during the shutdown. However, no new CalFresh funds will be added until federal funding resumes. Updates will be shared if anything changes.

3. What if I need to complete my SAR 7 or renew CalFresh in November?

Continue to submit all required forms and recertifications as normal. There may be processing delays due to the shutdown, but forms should still be submitted.

4. Can I apply for new CalFresh benefits in November?

Yes, you can apply online at BenefitsCal.com or HSA.VenturaCounty.gov/calfresh, by phone at 888-472-4463, or in person at a [Ventura County Human Services Agency \(HSA\) office](#).

5. Are Ventura County Human Services offices open?

Yes, all local HSA offices remain open. You can visit in person or call 888-472-4463.

- 2901 Ventura Road, #300, Oxnard
- 4651 Telephone Road, Ventura
- 2900 Madera Road, Simi Valley
- 80 E. Hillcrest Drive #200, Thousand Oaks
- 725 E. Main St. #101, Santa Paula
- 828 W. Ventura St. #200, Fillmore
- 612B Spring Road #301, Moorpark

6. Where can I find additional food resources in Ventura County?

- Visit FoodShare.com, 211ventura.org, or dial 2-1-1 for food pantries and meal programs.
- Statewide food bank locator: CaFoodBanks.org/find-food/

7. Can I request a state hearing if my CalFresh benefits are delayed?

Judges cannot start or restart November benefits at this time due to delayed federal funding. Requesting a hearing will not restart CalFresh benefits.

8. Are CalWORKs or Medi-Cal benefits also at risk?

CalWORKs benefits for November 2025 are secure. However, if the shutdown continues, December benefits may be at risk. Medi-Cal is prefunded through December 31, 2025.