Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2026

REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN FOR SNAP

What progress have states made in the last year to reduce administrative burden for SNAP?

State	State Context and Policy Progress
Alabama	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Alabama can apply, check the status of their application, report a change, renew benefits, submit verification forms, report a lost electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, reschedule an interview, and request a hearing on the online portal, MyDHR. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 57, which requires the state to request a federal waiver to restrict the purchase of candy and soda using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced S.B. 61, which would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances. It also would have ended the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. The bill did not pass this session.
Alaska	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Alaska assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Alaska can apply, renew benefits, report changes, check the status of applications and renewals, and upload documents through the Alaska Connect portal. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.

Arizona	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Arizona can apply, track their application status, report a change, renew benefits, view case and benefit information, and receive notices on the online portal, MyFamilyBenefits. Families can also use MyFamilyBenefits to manage their cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators passed several SNAP bills that were ultimately vetoed by Governor Hobbs. H.B. 4147, S.B. 1840, S.B. 1002, and H.B. 2797 included provisions that would have required more frequent data checks to verify income, employment status, and other eligibility criteria. H.B. 2206 and S.B. 1333 would have required the state to reduce its SNAP payment error rate to 3% or below by 2030, with quarterly progress reporting and corrective planning provisions. H.B. 2396 and S.B. 1368, would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of sugar-sweetened beverages, candy, and prepared hot foods using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced H.B. 2940, which would have increased data checks, limited self-attestation, and required applicants and current recipients to provide more documentation proving their eligibility. It also would have created a unified verification system to flag possible eligibility issues and trigger case reviews. The bill did not pass this session.
Arkansas	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Arkansas is 6 months. Families experiencing homelessness, that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, or that include a worker on strike may be certified for 4 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Arkansas can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, check the status of applications and renewals, schedule appointments, and file appeals on the online portal, Access Arkansas. Families can also use Access Arkansas to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP. Arkansas's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soda, candy, and other specified energy and sugary drinks using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in July 2026.

California	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No California assigns 12-month cerification periods to most, but not all, families. Households with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in California can apply, track the status of an application, upload documents, report changes, renew benefits, and receive notices on the online portal, BenefitsCal. Families can also use BenefitsCal to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 2765, which would align state law with the the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's expanded definition of ABAWD participants and require the state to seek a waiver to exempt certain former foster youth from the changes. Legislators introduced S.B. 1054, which would require larger employers to report employee wage and hours-worked data to state agencies directly, to streamline verification of work-related eligibility requirements for public benefits programs including SNAP. Finally, legislators introduced S.B. 1134, which would direct the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of soft drinks, candy, desserts, and other "ultraprocessed" foods using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced A.B. 2299, which would expand the state-funded California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to cover additional categories of immigrants and certain adults without dependents (ABAWD) who lose CalFresh access due to the new federal SNAP work requirements. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed.
Colorado	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for a family with children in Colorado is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Colorado can apply, track their application, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and chat with a virtual assistant on the online portal, Colorado PEAK. Families can also use Colorado PEAK to manage their medical, cash assistance, energy assistance, transit assistance, and early childhood program benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1429, which will modernize the state's public benefits system by aligning county and state performance requirements across programs including SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, and child care assistance, while also requiring continuous quality improvement, public performance reporting, and a more coordinated benefits delivery model. Legislators also enacted S.B. 25B-003, which modified a ballot measure financing the state's Healthy School Meals for All program to allow leftover funding to cover new state SNAP costs. Voters approved the proposition in November 2025. Colorado's federal waiver to restrict the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits was approved and set to take effect in November 2026. However, a federal district court ruling in June 2026 halted the implementation of this waiver.

Connecticut	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Connecticut can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, submit documents, request a hearing, and view case information on the online portal, ConneCT. Families can also use ConneCT to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 497, which would have funded transitional nutrition assistance for veterans at risk of losing SNAP due to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA) federal eligibility and work requirement changes. Legislators also introduced S.B. 401, which would have required the state to develop a plan for a state-funded bridge program to support certain populations at risk of losing federal food, health care, and housing assistance, including those impacted by OBBBA's changes to SNAP and Medicaid work requirements. These bills did not pass this session.
Delaware	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Delaware assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Households with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Delaware can check their eligibility, apply, finish an incomplete application, check the status of a submitted application, report a change, renew benefits, and view notices on the online portal, Delaware ASSIST. Families can also use Delaware ASSIST to manage their medical, cash, child care, nutrition, and energy assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.
District of Columbia	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The District of Columbia assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Households experiencing homelessness are certified for 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in the District of Columbia can check their eligibility, apply, save an in-progress application, report changes, renew benefits, and upload documents on the online portal, District Direct. Families can also use District Direct to manage medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, councilmembers did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.

Florida	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification length for families with children in Florida is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Florida can receive notices, request new electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, apply for benefits, and report a change on the online portal, ACCESS Florida. Families can also use ACCESS Florida to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 1758, which would have required the state to reduce SNAP payment errors through expanded verification, documentation, and quality assurance requirements. The bill did not pass this session. Florida's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soda, energy drinks, candy, and prepared desserts using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in April 2026.
Georgia	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Georgia used to offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children; however, in June 2026, the state updated its policy manual to set the standard certification period for a family with children to 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Georgia can apply, check benefit details, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and view notices on the online portal, Georgia Gateway. Families can also use Georgia Gateway to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, through administrative changes, the state reduced the standard certification period for SNAP households from 12 months to 6 months. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 947, which would have further shortened the certification period to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances. Additionally, H.B. 947 would have limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also contained measures to implement more data-matching and more frequent verification procedures for SNAP eligibility. This bill did not pass this session.

Hawaii	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Currently, certification lengths for families with children in Hawaii vary from 3 to 12 months based on the household's stability and circumstances. The minimum recertification period will be extended to 12 months beginning in July 2028. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Hawaii assigns most, but not all, families, to simplified reporting. Families in which all adult members are elderly or disabled and have no earned income are change reporters. Families experiencing homelessness or those that include seasonal farm workers are subject to special simplified reporting requirements. **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Hawaii does not offer online case management services. Hawaiians can, however, apply and complete renewals for SNAP online. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 3245, which will extend the minimum recertification period for SNAP households to 12 months. This change is set to take effect in July 2028. Legislators introduced H.B. 2116, which would have appropriated $3 million in grant funding for nonprofit organizations that expand or create new community engagement opportunities for residents needing to meet the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's new work requirements. This bill did not pass this session. Hawaii's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in August 2026.
Idaho	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification for families with children in Idaho is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Idaho does not offer online case management services nor the ability to apply for SNAP online. Idaho is one of two states that does not offer an online application. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H. 730, which limits the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also requires the state to conduct more frequent data checks to verify income, employment status, and other eligibility criteria. Finally, the bill implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Idaho's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soda and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in February 2026.

Illinois	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Illinois used to offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children; however, in October 2025, the state reduced the standard certification period for a family with children to 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes In October 2025, the state began processing SNAP households using simplified reporting rules. The state updated its manual to apply simplified reporting rules to all SNAP households in June 2026. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Illinois can check their eligibility, apply, save an in-progress application, report a change, renew benefits, and update case information on the online portal, ABE. Families can also use ABE to manage medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, through administrative changes, Illinois adopted simplified reporting rules and reduced the standard certification period for SNAP households from 12 months to 6 months. In June 2026, the state published formal guidance on the new 6-month recertification period and attributed the change to efforts to reduce the SNAP payment error rate. Legislators also introduced H.B. 4991, which would create a Farmer-Direct Maternal Nutrition Program to incentivize farmers to grow and distribute their products to expectant mothers within 75 miles of their farmland. Legislators also introduced H.B. 5377, which would limit benefit cliffs in SNAP by capping benefit reductions tied to increased earnings, creating a bridge credit when families are transitioning out of eligibility, and providing a 90-day earnings buffer period. Legislators also introduced S.B. 2908, which would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of candy, prepared desserts, soft drinks, and energy drinks using SNAP benefits. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed. Legislators also introduced several bills, including S.B. 3882, H.B. 4831, H.B. 4730, S.B. 3276, S.B. 3360, and S.B. 3682, aimed at protecting access to SNAP as the state prepared to implement the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). These proposals would have limited the state from imposing work requirements stricter than federal law, protected eligibility for certain groups at risk of losing access, created temporary state-funded nutrition support for households whose benefits were reduced or terminated due to work requirements, strengthened oversight of the law's impact on SNAP enrollment and payment errors, and prevented debt collection when overpayments resulted from agency calculation errors. As of September 2026, none of these bills had passed.

Indiana	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Indiana can check their eligibility, apply, continue an incomplete application, report a change, upload documents, and view notices on Indiana's online FFSA Benefits portal. Families can also use the portal to manage medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 1, which ends the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Legislators also enacted H.B. 1406, a broad tax bill that includes provisions to enforce more SNAP fraud prevention measures at vendor sites. These bills are now in effect. Legislators introduced H.B. 1394, which would have created a pilot program to deploy kiosks on which SNAP recipients could check the balance of their EBT cards, request new cards, or apply for benefits. Legislators also introduced S.B. 276, which would have supported a farmers market nutrition incentive program. These bills did not pass this session. Indiana's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soft drinks and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in January 2026.
Iowa	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Iowa is 6 months. Families that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker or that are likely to be ineligble in the near future may be certified for 4 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Iowa does not offer online case management services, but Iowans can apply for SNAP online. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.F. 2422, which requires the state to submit quarterly SNAP payment error rate reports to the legislature beginning in October 2026. It also implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Iowa's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of certain taxable food items, including candy and sugar-sweetened beverages, using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in January 2026. However, a federal district court ruling in June 2026 halted the enforcement of this waiver.

Kansas	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Kansas assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families residing in shelters for survivors of domestic violence are certified for 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Kansas can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and view their benefits on Kansas's DCF Self-Service Portal. Families can also use the portal to manage their cash assistance and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 2731, which prohibits the state from using broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also limits self-attestation, requires applicants and recipients to provide more documentation, and mandates more frequent data checks to verify employment status, wages, and other eligibility criteria. Finally, the bill limits the state agency's authority to pursue some work requirement exemptions, including for certain former foster care youth, veterans, or individuals experiencing homelessness. The legislature enacted the bill after overriding Governor Kelly's veto. This bill is now in effect. Kansas' federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in February 2027.
Kentucky	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Kentucky can check their eligibility, connect with a local benefits navigator, apply, report a change, renew benefits, request an appeal, and schedule and complete appointments on the online portal, kynect. Families can also use kynect to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 2, which codifies the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA) work requirements, limits the state agency's authority to pursue exemptions beyond the restrictions outlined in OBBBA, and requires more frequent data checks to verify employment status, residency, and and other eligibility criteria. This bill is now in effect. Legislators introduced S.B. 257, which would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances. It also would have limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also would have implemented OBBBA's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Legislators also introduced S.B. 265, which would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of candy, soft drinks, and coffee drinks using SNAP benefits, while explicitly allowing the purchase of hot grocery store foods. These bills did not pass this session.

Louisiana	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Louisiana can apply, check the status of an application, report a change, renew benefits, and view case details on the online portal, LACAP. Families can also use LACAP to manage their cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 415, which will create the Empower Louisiana Food Purchase Program to allow qualified nonprofit organizations to issue restricted-use food purchase cards for SNAP-eligible foods. Legislators also enacted S.B. 52, which will require the state to more quickly update SNAP, WIC, and cash assistance cases and benefit amounts when a child enters or leaves a household through the child welfare system. Finally, legislators enacted S.B. 194, which implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Louisiana's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soft drinks, energy drinks, and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in February 2026.
Maine	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Maine can apply, report a change, renew benefits, update contact information, and upload documents on the online portal, My Maine Connection. Families can also use My Maine Connection to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced L.D. 2122, which would have required the state to operate an independent electronic SNAP error rate reduction system, create a SNAP outreach grant program, and establish a contingency fund to help continue benefit payments if federal SNAP funding were interrupted. This bill did not pass this session.

Maryland	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Maryland assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker or whose circumstances are unstable may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Maryland can apply, resume a saved application, report a change, renew benefits, receive information about their case status, submit a claim for stolen benefits, and receive messages on the online portal, Maryland Benefits (formerly myMDTHINK). Families can also use the Maryland Benefits portal to manage their medical, cash assistance, and utility assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1331, which would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances and required more frequent eligibility data checks. It also would have limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. Finally, the bill would have implemented the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. This bill did not pass this session.
Massachusetts	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Massachusetts assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families may be certified for a shorter period based on the predictability of change in their circumstances. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Massachusetts assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families in which all members are applicants for or receive cash assistance (called public assistance households) are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Massachusetts can apply, report a change, renew benefits, request a new electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card and track it in the mail, check the status of uploaded documents, and reschedule appointments on the online portal, DTA Connect. Families can also use DTA Connect to manage their cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S. 3040, which would codify and expand reporting for the state's Healthy Incentives Program, which provides additional EBT benefits to SNAP recipients for fruit and vegetable purchases at participating vendors. As of September 2026, this bill had not passed.

Michigan	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Michigan assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that have unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period of at least 3 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Michigan assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include migrants or seasonal farm workers are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Michigan can apply, report a change, renew benefits, self-refer themselves to community partners, upload documents, respond to verification requests, and connect with a community navigator on the online portal, MI Bridges. Families can also use MI Bridges to manage their medical, cash assistance, child care assistance, and state emergency relief benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 5812, which would have limited the state agency's authority to pursue some work requirement exemptions beyond the restrictions outlined in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This bill did not pass this session.
Minnesota	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Minnesota assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that are determined likely to become ineligible for SNAP in the near future may have recertification periods set for less than 12 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes In June 2026, the state updated its manual to apply simplified reporting rules to all SNAP households. **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Minnesota does not offer online case management services, but Minnesotans can apply, report a change, and renew benefits online. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, through administrative changes, the state adopted simplified reporting for all SNAP households. By doing so, the state eliminated the 6-month recertification period previously assigned to some households subject to change reporting. As a result, more households are now certified for 12-month periods, although shorter periods may still be assigned in limited circumstances. Legislators also enacted S.F. 334, which will appropriate $90 million over 3 years to modernize MAXIS, the IT system used by counties, state agencies, and Tribal Nations to administer assistance programs including SNAP. This bill is now in effect. Legislators also introduced several measures related to SNAP funding, administration, and the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). Four bills (H.F. 4675, S.F. 4719, H.F. 4523, and S.F. 4742) were introduced to make changes to MAXIS related to simplified reporting practices and modernization. H.F. 3773 and S.B. 4061 would have created a state-funded nutrition assistance program to support residents losing federal SNAP eligibility due to OBBBA. S.F. 4645 would have reinstated an asset limit of $20,000 for SNAP eligibility and codified the OBBBA's work requirements. Finally, H.F. 4136, S.F. 4359, H.F. 3616, and S.F. 3618 would have prepared for OBBBA's SNAP administrative cost-sharing rules by reorganizing Minnesota's county-based funding structure and revenue sources for SNAP. Legislators also introduced H.F. 3604, which would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of candy, energy drinks, and soda using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.

Mississippi	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Certification lengths for families with children in Mississippi vary between 6 and 12 months based on the household stability and circumstances. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No All families with children in Mississippi are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Mississippi can check their eligibility, apply, check their application status, renew benefits, report a change, upload documents, and submit appeals on the online portal, ACCESS Mississippi. Families can also use ACCESS Mississippi to manage their medical, cash assistance, and energy assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 2765, which would have prohibited the state from using broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. Legislators also introduced S.B. 2451, which would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1033, H.B. 553, and S.B. 2531, which would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of soft drinks and candy using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced several bills related to the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions. H.B. 1513 and S.B. 2198 would have implemented strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. None of these bills passed this session.
Missouri	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Missouri does not offer online case management services, but Missourians can apply or report a change online. The state recently created a portal for families to manage their Medicaid benefits, but SNAP benefits are not yet included. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 1760, which would have appropriated $15.7 million for SNAP implementation costs and $49.5 million for updating the state's income eligibility processing system to align with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). Legislators also introduced several bills related to the implementation of OBBBA's immigrant eligibility restrictions. S.B. 1070, S.B. 1772, S.B. 1616, H.B. 2468, and H.B. 2481 would have implemented strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. These bills did not pass this session. Missouri's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of candy, prepared desserts, and certain unhealthy beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in October 2026.

Montana	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Montana assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include migrant or seasonal farmworkers and in which all members are elderly or disabled, including disabled children, with no earned income are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Montana can use an online portal to apply, view messages, report a change, renew, check the status of submitted documents, and upload documents. Families can also use the portal to manage their medical, cash assistance, and heating assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** Montana did not hold a regular legislative session this year. Montana's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of high-sugar beverages, energy drinks, candy, and prepared desserts using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in September 2026.
Nebraska	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Nebraska is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Nebraska can apply, continue a saved application, report a change, view their current benefits, and upload documents on the online portal, iServe Nebraska. Families can also use iServe Nebraska to manage their medical, utilities assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced several measures related to the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). L.B. 656 would have limited the state agency's authority to pursue work requirement exemptions beyond the restrictions outlined in OBBBA. Alternatively, L.B. 734 would have required the state to seek a federal waiver restoring SNAP work requirement exemptions for some former foster care youth, veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness, whereas L.B. 843 would have sought to waive OBBBA's federal eligibility changes affecting some regufees and immigrants. These bills did not pass this session. Nebraska's federal waiver request to modify its active purchase restriction to include soda, soft drinks, energy drinks, and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in January 2026. However, a federal district court ruling in June 2026 halted the enforcement of this waiver.

Nevada	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Nevada is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Nevada assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families in which all members are disabled or elderly, including disabled children, are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Nevada can apply, report a change, renew benefits, check the status of their case, and more on the online portal, Access Nevada. Families can also use Access Nevada to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** Nevada did not hold a regular legislative session this year. Nevada's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of candy and sugary beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in February 2028.
New Hampshire	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No New Hampshire used to offer families with children varied certification period lengths – up to 12 months — depending on the family's circumstances. In July 2025, the state updated its manual to set the standard certification period for a family with children to 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes In July 2025, the state updated its manual to apply simplified reporting rules to all SNAP households. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in New Hampshire can apply for benefits, report a change, renew benefits, receive notices, and view the status of benefits on the online portal, NH EASY. Families can also use NH EASY to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In July 2025, through administrative changes, the state reduced the standard certification period for SNAP households from varying, up to 12 months, to 6 months. At the same time, the state adopted simplified reporting for all SNAP households. These changes were not recorded in the 2025 State Policy Roadmap due to the policy's data collection timeline. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1797, which would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households and ended the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. The bill also would have implemented the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA) immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Legislators also introduced S.B. 615, which would have established a commission to study the use, regulation, and feasibility of SNAP in the state. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1750, which would have appropriated $4.4 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to support the administrative cost-share expected from OBBBA's implementation. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1773, which would have directed the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of sweetened drinks and candy using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.

New Jersey	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No New Jersey assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period of at least 3 months consistent with their circumstances. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No New Jersey assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families receiving WorkFirst New Jersey (TANF) benefits with only unearned income are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in New Jersey can check their eligibility, apply, report changes, renew benefits, connect with navigators, and upload documents on the online portal, MyNJHelps. Families can also use MyNJHelps to manage WorkFirst New Jersey benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted A. 3883 and S. 3811, which invest in developing web-based tools to connect SNAP recipients with volunteer opportunities that satisfy new federal work requirements. Legislators introduced over 35 other bills related to the SNAP program. A. 2058, S. 2959, A. 4806, and S. 3808 would all invest in online tools and data systems, by updating MyNJHelps, creating a common application for state-administered benefits, and using tax data to streamline enrollment. A. 4941 and S. 295 would allow the state to accept self-attestations on SNAP applications and require more language-accessible SNAP materials. A. 2254 would strengthen statewide coordination across state agencies, food banks, community-based organizations, child care providers, and other partners to improve responses during food access disruptions. Legislators also introduced S. 941 and A. 2624, which would direct the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced several bills aimed at fraud prevention. A.4943, S.465, and S.2967 would create state processes and funding to replace SNAP stolen benefits whereas S.4049 and A.4441 would require the state to issue contactless EBT cards by January 31, 2027. Legislators also introduced A.4102, which would require SNAP retailers to adopt anti-fraud protections at point-of-sale terminals. As of September 2026, none of these bills had passed.
New Mexico	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in New Mexico can apply, report a change, renew benefits, and live chat on the online portal, YesNM. Families can also use YesNM to manage medical, cash assistance, and energy assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 137, which would have ended the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. Legislators also introduced S.B. 186, which would direct the state to pursue a waiver to restrict the purchase of candy and "sweetened drinks" using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.

New York	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Certification lengths for families with children in New York vary. Families who are also enrolled in the state's TANF program are given certification periods that align with their certification period for TANF, which can be up to 12 months. Families that do not receive TANF are assigned certification periods based on circumstances between 4 and 12 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No New York assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families experiencing homelessness, that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, that have no income, that are certified for less than 4 months, or in which all adult members are elderly or disabled are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in New York can apply, continue a saved application, track a submitted application, report a change, renew benefits, and submit documents on the online portal, myBenefits. Families can also use myBenefits to manage cash assistance benefits, child care assistance benefits, and more. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced A. 2538A and S. 7754A, which would have prohibited state agencies from subjecting SNAP applicants and recipients to fingerprinting as a requirement for program participation. Legislators also introduced A. 6632 and S. 9033, which would have established a state-funded nutrition assistance program for some individuals who are ineligible for federal SNAP. Finally, legislators introduced S. 8750, which would have created a task force to study benefit cliffs across public assistance programs. These bills did not pass this session.
North Carolina	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in North Carolina is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in North Carolina can apply, report a change, renew benefits, change communication preferences, and more on the online portal, ePASS. Families can also use ePASS to manage Medicaid benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H. 1071, S. 920, and S. 904, all of which would have appropriated funds to support the state and county agencies responsible for covering more SNAP administrative costs beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 due to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's implementation. S.904 also allocates $10 million to kick-start a grant program funding projects to examine how to reduce the SNAP payment error rate. Legislators also introduced H. 1057, which would fund SNAP nutrition incentive programs, state food procurement, mobile markets, food bank capacity, grocery access in underserved areas, and food assistance for military and veteran households. These bills did not pass this session.

North Dakota	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in North Dakota is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in North Dakota can apply, report a change, renew benefits, schedule interviews, and upload documents on the online Self-Service Portal. Families can also use the portal to manage medical, cash assistance, child care assistance, and energy assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** North Dakota did not hold a regular legislative session this year. North Dakota's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of sweetened beverages, energy drinks, and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in September 2026.
Ohio	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Ohio assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income and families with unstable circumstances, such as families experiencing homelessness, with no income, or that include seasonal or migrant farm workers, may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Ohio can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, view pending verifications, and renew benefits on the online portal, Ohio Benefits. Families can also use Ohio Benefits to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 315, which would fund EBT system modernizations and mandate chip-enabled EBT cards by October 2026. As of September 2026, this bill had not passed. Ohio's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of candy, prepared desserts, and certain unhealthy beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in October 2026.

Oklahoma	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes Families in Oklahoma can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and find caseworker contact information on the online portal, OKDHSLive!. Families can also use OKDHSLive! to manage Medicaid and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 2022, which would have required the state to apply the shortest recertification periods permitted under federal law to SNAP households. It also would have limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. Legislators also introduced H.B. 4110, which would pilot the use of phone-based tracking tools to monitor transactions and flag potential fraud during enrollment or recertification. Legislators also introduced several bills related to the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions. H.B. 4422 and H.B. 3597 would have implemented strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Finally, legislators introduced S.B. 1310, which would have tied salary cuts and bonuses for certain state employees to whether the state improved its payment error rate. None of these bills passed this session. Oklahoma's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soft drinks and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in February 2026.
Oregon	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Oregon assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include a member working under a JOBS Plus agreement are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Oregon can apply, report a change, renew benefits, view messages, and manage appointments on the online portal, ONE Oregon. Families can also use ONE Oregon to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.

Pennsylvania	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Pennsylvania assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that include a migrant or seasonal worker, that have no income, or that have only income that is exempt, may be certified for 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Pennsylvania can check their eligibility, apply, check the status of an application, upload documents, report a change, and renew benefits on the online portal, COMPASS. Families can also use COMPASS to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.
Rhode Island	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Rhode Island assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families that include migrant seasonal workers are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Rhode Island can apply, update their information, upload documents, renew benefits, sign up for texts, and file appeals on the Customer Portal and HealthyRhode mobile app. Families can also use these platforms to manage Medicaid and other Department of Human Services benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 7394, which would have codified the requirement that families eligible for TANF cash assistance be automatically enrolled in SNAP if they are otherwise eligible. Legislators also introduced several bills authorizing state funds to various nutrition assistance programs or initiatives. H.R. 7259 and S.R. 2237 would have appropriated $3 million to support the Rhode Island Food Bank amid the benefit losses expected from the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. H.R. 7258 would have appropriated $200,000 to the Farm Fresh Bonus Bucks program, a SNAP nutrition incentives program. These bills did not pass this session.
South Carolina	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in South Carolina is 6 months. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a period of at least 3 months and households determined to become ineligible soon may be certified for a period of 1-2 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in South Carolina can check their eligibility, apply, check the status of their application, renew benefits, and submit documents on the online South Carolina Client Eligibility System. Families can also use the South Carolina Client Eligibility System to manage cash assistance benefits. South Carolina also has an online eligibility screener and integrated application that includes over 40 services called First Five South Carolina. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP. South Carolina's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of candy, energy drinks, soft drinks, and sweetened beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in August 2026.

South Dakota	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No South Dakota assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families including a head of household with an unstable child support payment history are certified for 3 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in South Dakota can check their eligibility, apply, renew benefits, and report a change on the online South Dakota DSS system. Families can also use the South Dakota DSS system to manage Medicaid benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.
Tennessee	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Tennessee is 6 months. Families may be certified for a shorter period depending on the stability of their circumstances. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Tennessee assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families assigned certification periods between 1 and 3 months or whose only income is from self-employment are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Tennessee can apply, file appeals, upload files, report a change, renew benefits, submit documents, and use a chat feature on the online portal, ONE DHS. Families can also use ONE DHS to manage cash assistance and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 2132 and H.B. 2043, which approves the state's adoption of broad-based categorical eligibility through agency rulemaking processes, allowing the state to ease SNAP eligibility rules by terminating its asset limit and raising its gross income limit to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. This bill is now in effect but rollout is ongoing. Tennessee's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of specified processed foods and beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and set to take effect in July 2026. However, a federal district court ruling in June 2026 halted the implementation of this waiver.

Texas	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Texas is 6 months. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Texas assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families that anticipate a change in circumstances or are certified for less than 4 months are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Texas can check their eligibility, check the status of their application, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and find a community partner office on the online portal, YourTexasBenefits. Families can also use YourTexasBenefits to manage medical and cash assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** Texas did not hold a regular legislative session this year. Texas' federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of sweetened drinks and candy using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in April 2026.
Utah	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No The standard certification period for families with children in Utah is 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Utah can apply, renew benefits, report a change, upload documents, and use live chat on the online portal, myCase. Families can also use myCase to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 471, which implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's work requirements and immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Earlier versions of H.B. 471 also would have shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some households and limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. Those provisions were removed before enactment. Legislators also enacted S.B. 4, a budget bill, including funding for a report on SNAP payment accuracy in Fiscal Year 2027. Legislators introduced H.B. 88, which would have prohibited any state entity from providing state- or locally-funded public benefit assistance, including food assistance, to applicants "without lawful presence." This bill did not pass this session. Utah's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in January 2026.

Vermont	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Vermont does not offer online case management services, but Vermont residents can apply for SNAP online. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted H. 951, the state budget bill, including provisions requiring the state to conduct a needs assessment on the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's new SNAP work requirements and their potential effect on benefit loss, error rates, and outreach efforts. The bill also appropriates $3.5 million to support community-based SNAP and Medicaid program navigation.
Virginia	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Virginia assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances, such as families experiencing homelessness or those that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, may be certified for a shorter period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** No Virginia assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families with unstable circumstances assigned to certification periods less than 5 months are change reporters. **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Virginia can check their eligibility, apply, renew benefits, check the status of the application, and find their local office and case worker's contact information on the online portal, CommonHelp. Families can also use CommonHelp to manage medical, cash assistance, energy assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1456, which would have required the Department of Social Services to report quarterly on SNAP enrollment, benefits distributed, federal SNAP funding, federal policy changes, and early warning indicators of enrollment or funding changes related to implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This bill did not pass this session. Virginia's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of sweetened beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in October 2026.
Washington	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Washington can be screened for eligibility, check their benefits, apply, report a change, upload documents, and more on the online portal, Washington Connection. Families can also use Washington Connection to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 2100 and S.B. 6093, which would have created a financing pathway for a new Well Washington Fund to help mitigate anticipated funding reductions under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. These bills did not pass this session.

West Virginia	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No West Virginia used to offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children; however, in April 2026, the state updated its policy manual to set the standard certification period for a family with children to 6 months. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in West Virginia can be screened for assistance, apply, report a change, schedule interviews, file appeals, find community partners, and more on the online portal, WV Path. Families can also use WV Path to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, through administrative changes, the state reduced the standard certification period for SNAP households from 12 months to 6 months. Legislators also introduced H.B. 5645, which would have further shortened certification periods to 4 months or less for some families and limited the state's use of broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP, a policy mechanism that can ease SNAP access for families by allowing the state to use income and asset limits above the federal standard. It also would have required the state to conduct more frequent data checks to verify income, employment status, and other eligibility criteria, and it would have implemented the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. Legislators also introduced H.B. 4594, which would have directed the state to integrate and maintain a unified electronic system to track eligibility and work requirement compliance for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid simultaneously. These bills did not pass this session. West Virginia's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of soda using SNAP benefits was approved and took effect in January 2026. However, a federal district court ruling in June 2026 halted the enforcement of this waiver.
Wisconsin	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Wisconsin assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families experiencing homelessness or that include a migrant or seasonal farmworker may be certified for a 6 month period. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** Yes SNAP recipients in Wisconsin can apply for benefits, finish an application, report a change, submit documents, track the status of submitted forms, and more on the online portal, ACCESS Wisconsin. Families can also use ACCESS Wisconsin to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted A.B. 180, which appropriates more than $72 million to support SNAP administration, quality control initiatives, and agency employment and training costs tied to new federal requirements. It also requires the state to request a federal waiver to prohibit SNAP purchases of candy and soft drinks, and it creates requirements to develop an electronic platform to help administer the purchase restrictions at the point of sale.

Wyoming	**Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?** No Currently, certification lengths for families with children in Wyoming vary based on the household's circumstances. Certification periods can be up to 6 months but as short as 4-5 months for some families. Beginning in January 2027, a new law will shorten those 4- to 5-month certification periods to 4 months or less. **Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?** Yes **Does the state offer online case management services?** No Wyoming does not offer online case management services, and the state also does not have options to apply or report a change online. Wyoming is one of two states that does not offer an online application. **State Context and Policy Update** In the last year, legislators enacted S.F. 0106, which shortens certification periods to 4 months or less for some households based on stability and circumstances. It also implements the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's immigrant eligibility restrictions with strict enforcement rules and more extensive immigration checks, potentially increasing administrative burden for immigrant or mixed-status households. It will take effect in January 2027. Wyoming's federal waiver request to restrict the purchase of sweetened, carbonated beverages using SNAP benefits was approved and will take effect in February 2027.

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