



MIKE DEWINE

GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2025-06D

The Emergency Adoption of Rule 5101:1-23-40.1 of the Ohio Administrative Code for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Directing the Provision of Temporary Assistance to Ohioans Facing Food Insecurity

WHEREAS, approximately 1.4 million Ohioans receive federal food benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"); and

WHEREAS, the federal government provides approximately \$264 million in food benefits from SNAP each month to Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is currently shut down due to lack of agreement on a continuing resolution; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service informed Ohio Department of Job and Family Services ("ODJFS") that November SNAP benefits would not be transferred to beneficiaries' accounts if the federal government shutdown continued into November; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed funding for SNAP and the rest of the federal government, but that legislation is currently being filibustered in the U.S. Senate by Senate Democrats; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Senate Democrats blocking SNAP funding and other important federal programs, my administration has researched ways to provide temporary food assistance to Ohio families in need during this gap in federal SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program is a State program of family assistance, which is provided with State and federal funds, authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Works First program uses TANF funds to provide cash assistance to eligible low-income Ohio families and children, and TANF funds can provide additional support to these Ohio families and children who are facing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026-27 Budget (H.B. 96, 136th General Assembly, Section 307.10) authorizes the ODJFS to utilize TANF funding during Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 on TANF-allowable expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 119.03(G) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Governor, on the request of a State agency, to suspend the normal rule making procedures with respect to specific rules when an emergency exists necessitating the immediate adoption, amendment, or rescission of such rules. When such a determination is made, the agency may immediately adopt, amend, or rescind such rules, but the rules are only valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days; and

WHEREAS, ODJFS has requested a determination whether an emergency exists that requires the adoption of rule 5101:1-23-40.1 of the Ohio Administrative Code to the extent required to carry out the additional benefit payment authorized by this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, have determined, upon the request of ODJFS, that an emergency exists requiring the immediate adoption of rule 5101:1-23-40.1 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

I hereby order that the procedures prescribed by section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code with respect to the adoption or amendment of the specified rule be suspended and that ODJFS be permitted to adopt the rule immediately by filing it electronically with the Secretary of State, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review ("JCARR").

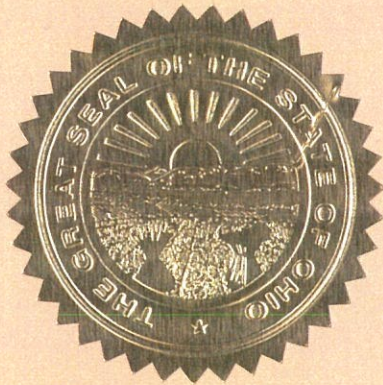
I hereby order that this Executive Order be filed in electronic form with ODJFS, the Secretary of State, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission, and JCARR.

FURTHER, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the U.S. Constitution, Constitution of the State of Ohio, and State and federal laws, I hereby order and direct that:

- (1) The Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is authorized in his discretion to provide up to seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) in additional TANF funding to the regional food banks, to be disbursed to individual food banks in amounts as directed, in order to mitigate food insecurity and support the first purpose of the TANF program. None of this funding may be employed for administrative purposes, or for any reason other than the procurement of food to support the operation of the food banks. Additional TANF funding may be provided in any consecutive month that I designate thereafter, but will not exceed this amount in any month.
- (2) The Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is authorized in his discretion to issue temporary relief payments under TANF (pursuant to emergency rule 5101:1-23-40.1) up to the amount of the Ohio Works First benefit paid to each eligible assistance group participating in that program for the month of November 2025, and any consecutive month that I designate thereafter, to mitigate food insecurity and support the first purpose of the TANF program. The funding shall be disbursed in periodic payments until the time I communicate to the Director that the need has ended.

The Director of ODJFS shall direct, and issue guidance to, the county departments of job and family services on dispensing the funds.

I signed this Executive Order on October 30, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. This Executive Order will go into effect on November 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., and it will expire one hundred and twenty (120) days from the effective date of the emergency rules, or upon adoption of the rules through the normal JCARR process, whichever is sooner. This Executive Order will not go into effect if there is a resolution by the federal government prior to November 1, 2025, which continues the payments of SNAP benefits to Ohioans.



Mike DeWine
Mike DeWine, Governor

ATTEST:

Frank LaRose, Secretary of State