Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

H.R. 1 (or OBBBA) Impact on Marylanders: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

October 16, 2025

Background:
What is SNAP and who does it serve?

SNAP is vital to America’s social safety net.

It makes sure families can put food on their tables when they’re struggling financially.

SNAP provides an average monthly benefit amount of

$180

per Maryland customer to put food on the table.

SNAP served over

680,000 Marylanders

on average per month in SFY 2025.

More than 59%

of our SNAP customers are

families with children.

262,248

SNAP customers in May 2025 were **children** under age 18.

More than 39%

of adults on SNAP are working.

121,615

SNAP customers are **seniors** age 62 and older.

128,705

SNAP customers are **people with disabilities**.

28,843

SNAP customers are **unhoused**.

Additional SNAP Context:

- Directly boosts **farmers**.
- Supports **small and local businesses** who make up over 3,800 SNAP retailers in Maryland.

We project issuing over

$1.6 billion

in SNAP benefits to Marylanders in

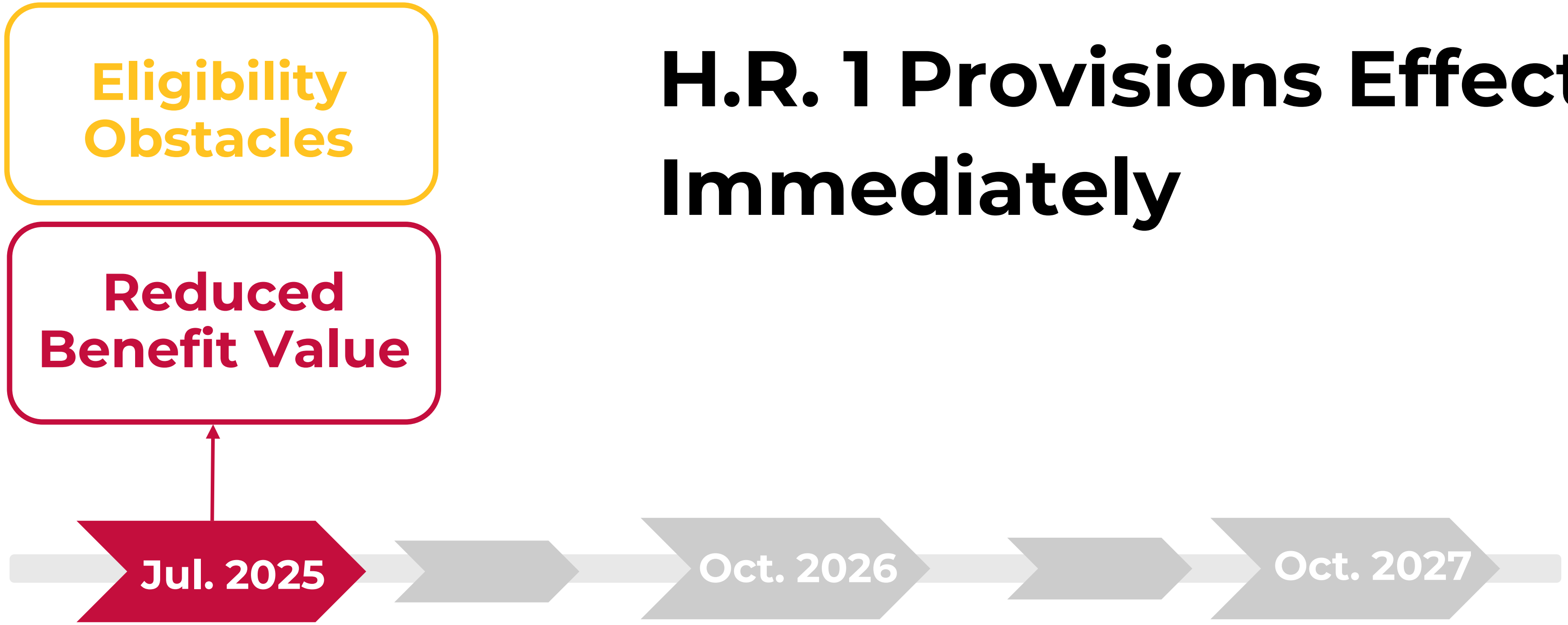
State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026.

SNAP Funding Before H.R. 1 (2025):

- SNAP benefits were 100% federally funded.
- Administrative costs were split 50/50 between the federal government and the states.

What's Next:
How H.R. 1 (2025) Impacts SNAP Customers in Maryland

H.R. 1 Provisions Effective Immediately



Expanded Work Requirements

These provisions will burden Maryland families with additional red tape and new barriers to access SNAP benefits:

- The Able Bodied Adults Without Dependants (ABAWD) **work requirement age range expands** from 18-54 to 18–64.
- Those under 65 responsible for a child are now only exempt from work requirement if the child is under the age of 14 (previously under 18).

Expanded Work Requirements

Work requirement expansions **will impose expensive paperwork and red tape on an estimated 79,696 customers** to meet and prove their SNAP eligibility.

- Work requirement exemptions will end for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and former foster care youth under the age 24.
- November 1, 2025 implementation deadline

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Impact on Immigrants

Further barriers: Limits **SNAP eligibility for New Americans** to lawful permanent residents, Cuban or Haitian entrants, and individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Reduced Benefits Value

H.R.1 restricts the utility allowance to households with a member who is elderly or disabled.

- Marylanders who receive a nominal OHEP benefits are eligible for higher SNAP benefit amounts due to a $557 utility cost deduction from their income.
  - H.R.1 ends the allowance unless the household includes a person who is elderly or disabled.
- This change will mean **thousands of Marylanders will see lower SNAP benefit amounts each month**.

H.R. 1 Provisions Effective October 1, 2026

Increased Costs to Marylanders

The **state's share of SNAP administrative costs will rise** from 50% to 75% beginning in the 2nd quarter of SFY27.

- Maryland currently spends $115 million in General Funds to administer SNAP.
- Maryland will spend an additional $57.5 million per year for a new state total of $172.5 million per year in General Funds beginning SFY27.

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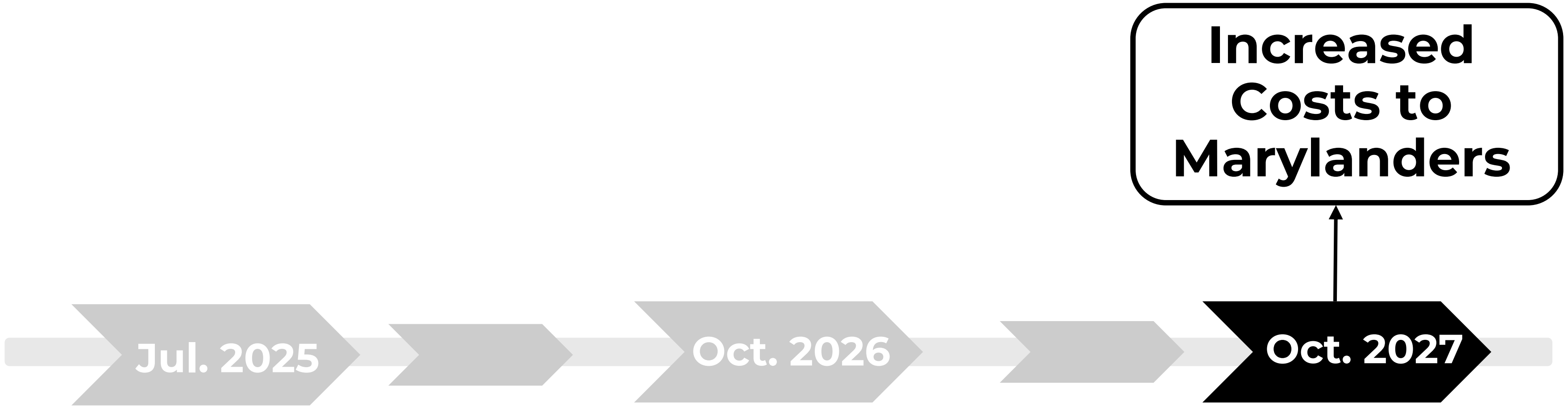

Increased Costs to Marylanders

States will pay **for a portion of SNAP benefits** based on their Payment Error Rate (PER):

PER < 6%	0% state match
PER ≥ 6% but < 8%	5% state match
PER ≥ 8 but < 10%	10% state match
PER ≥ 10%	15% state match

SFY26 Projected State Costs

FY26 administrative costs:	$115 million
FY26 benefits costs:	$0
FY26 Total State Costs:	**$115 million**
FY27 administrative costs:	$172.5 million
FY27 benefits costs:	$240 million
FY27 Total State Costs:	**$412.5 million***

Projected ongoing annual cost beginning FY27.

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Moving With Urgency:
What Actions Are We Taking Now?

One Application:

- On July 15, 2025, Governor Moore launched the Maryland Benefits One Application.
- The new mobile-friendly application invites Marylanders to apply **at one time** and **in one place** for vital benefits including Medicaid; SNAP; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Energy Assistance; and Women, Infants, Children (WIC).

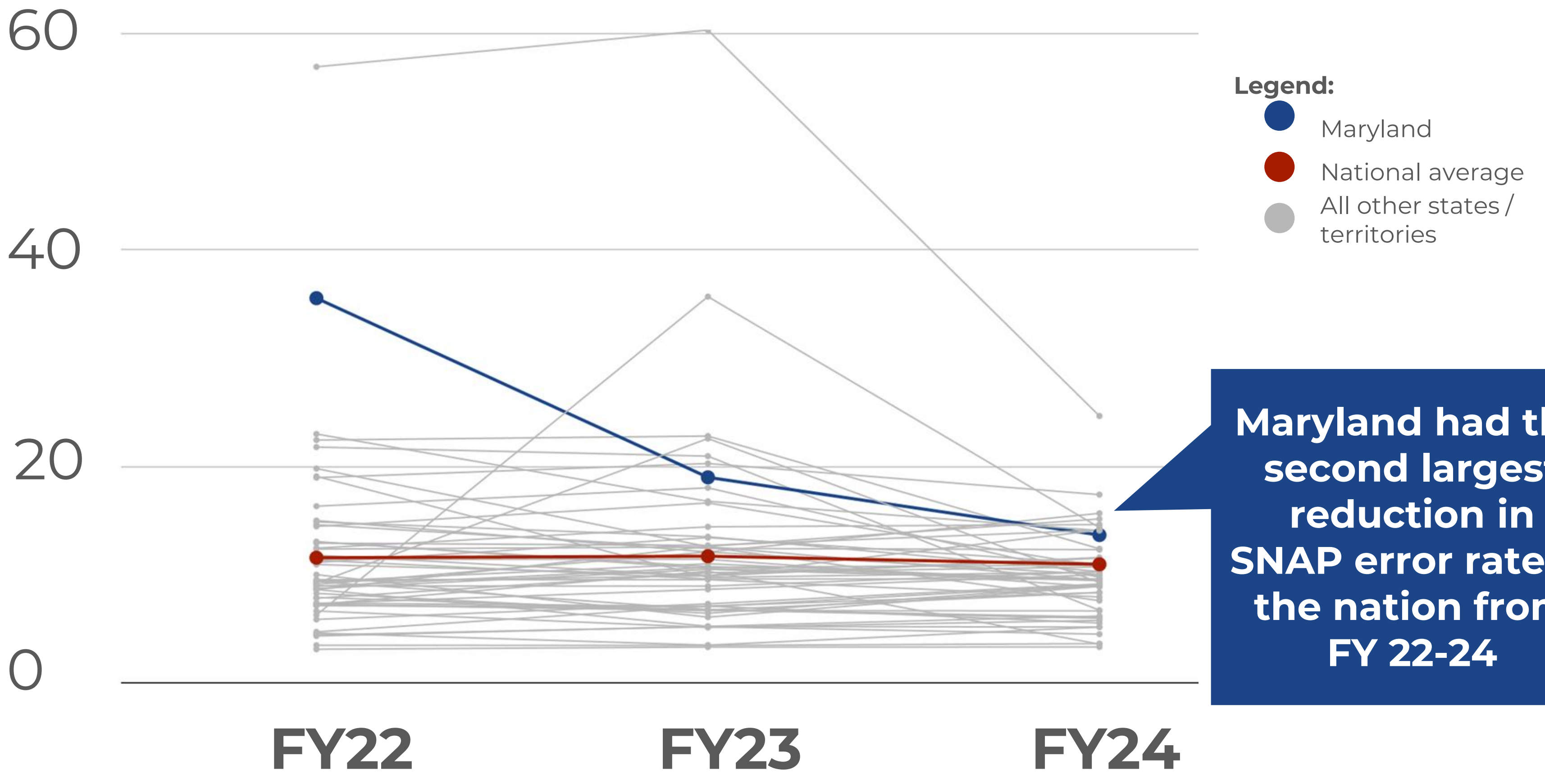
Reduce Maryland's SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- The Moore-Miller Administration inherited a FFY 2022 SNAP payment error rate of 35.56%; the second-highest in the nation.

Reduce Maryland’s SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- In the first nine months of FFY23, we reduced our payment error rate by nearly half to 18.98%.
- In FFY24 we reduced our payment error rate by an additional 5.34%, down to 13.64%

Reduce Maryland’s SNAP Payment Error Rate:



Maryland had the second largest reduction in SNAP error rate in the nation from FY 22-24

Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, SNAP Payment Error Rates, https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/qc/per.

Reduce Maryland’s SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- We continue to reduce payment errors and ensure Marylanders get timely and accurate benefit amounts.

SNAP Employment and Training

- This year, we are bringing on 18 new SNAP E&T partners across the state
- The expanded provider network will allow us to respond to increased need as result of H.R.1

Creating Awareness About the Changes

- We are implementing a multi-pronged strategy to communicate with recipients and the public about what to expect, when to expect it, and what to do about it

We Cannot Do This Alone

- We are partnering with community-based organizations to support impacted households
- We are collaborating with other government agencies

Questions?

Eligibility Obstacles

Reduced Benefit Amounts

Jul. 2025

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