

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Eligible Foods Bill House File 970

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An Act relating to the Double Up Food Bucks Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and making appropriations and including effective date provisions.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HOUSE FILE 970

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ELIGIBLE FOODS BILL

FUNDING SUMMARY

Appropriates \$1.0 million in FY 2026 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide grants to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program administered by the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative.

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Provides that any moneys at the close of the fiscal year will not revert to the General Fund and will remain available for the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

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NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES

Requires the HHS to request a waiver from the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to modify the eligible foods under State administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to only include healthy foods and beverages as based on necessary nutrition for good health.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Establishes a contingent effective date for the \$1.0 million appropriation from the General Fund to the HHS. The appropriation will go into effect on the date the HHS receives federal approval to modify eligible foods for purposes of State administration of the SNAP.

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1 1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — DOUBLE
 1 2 UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM — SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. There
 1 3 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
 1 4 department of health and human services for the fiscal year
 1 5 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in addition
 1 6 to any other funding appropriated for such purposes for the
 1 7 same fiscal year, the following amount or so much thereof as is
 1 8 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
 1 9 To provide grants to support the double up food bucks
 1 10 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative
 1 11 to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets,
 1 12 grocery stores, and other participating locations accessible
 1 13 to individuals and families who reside in this state and
 1 14 receive assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition
 1 15 assistance program:
 1 16 \$ 1,000,000

Appropriates \$1,000,000 in FY 2026 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide grants to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program administered by the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative.

DETAIL: The Double Up Food Bucks Program is a health incentive program that allows participants of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to double their dollars, up to \$15.00 per day, on purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables at participating grocery stores, farmers markets, farm stands, and other participating locations across Iowa.

1 17 A grant recipient that receives funding pursuant to this
 1 18 section shall provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match of the
 1 19 grant assistance.

Requires a grant recipient to provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match.

1 20 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this
 1 21 section shall not revert at the close of the fiscal year, but
 1 22 shall remain available for the purposes designated.

Provides that any moneys remaining at the close of the fiscal year will not revert to the General Fund and will remain available for the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

1 23 Sec. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM —
 1 24 ELIGIBLE FOODS. 1. The department of health and human
 1 25 services shall request that the food and nutrition services of
 1 26 the United States department of agriculture provide approval,
 1 27 for purposes of state administration of the supplemental food
 1 28 and nutrition program, for a modification to the eligible foods
 1 29 as defined in 7 C.F.R. §271.2 to only include healthy foods
 1 30 and beverages based on necessary nutrition for good health,
 1 31 including but not limited to healthy grains, dairy, meat, eggs,
 1 32 peanut butter and nuts, pasta, rice, legumes, and fruits and
 1 33 vegetables.

Requires the HHS to request a waiver from the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to modify the eligible foods and beverages under State administration of the SNAP to only include healthy foods as based on necessary nutrition for good health, including but not limited to healthy grains, dairy, meat, eggs, peanut butter and nuts, pasta, rice, legumes, and fruits and vegetables.

FISCAL IMPACT: The HHS estimates that there will be a fiscal impact incurred from mailing letters to households participating in the SNAP to notify them of the change in eligible foods. The cost to the State is estimated to be \$75,000. The federal cost is estimated to be \$75,000. The total cost of implementing Section 2 of the Bill is estimated to be \$150,000.

1 34 2. Upon receipt of federal approval as described in
1 35 subsection 1, the healthy food based on necessary nutrition for
2 1 good health standards shall not be rescinded without enacting
2 2 legislation.

Establishes that once federal approval to modify the eligible foods under State administration of the SNAP has been granted, the list of eligible foods cannot be rescinded without legislation.

2 3 Sec. 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
2 4 effect on the date the department of health and human services
2 5 receives federal approval to modify eligible foods for purposes
2 6 of state administration of the supplemental food and nutrition
2 7 program as specified under this Act, if federal approval is
2 8 received:
2 9 The section of this Act making a supplemental appropriation
2 10 to the department of health and human services to provide
2 11 grants to support the double up food bucks program.

Establishes a contingent effective date for the \$1,000,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the HHS. The appropriation will go into effect on the date the HHS receives federal approval to modify eligible foods for purposes of State administration of the SNAP.

Health and Human Services

General Fund

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	House Action FY 2026 (3)	House Action vs Est FY 2025 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<u>Health and Human Services, Department of</u>					
HHS - Assistance Payment					
Double Up Food Bucks	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	PG 1 LN 1
Total Health and Human Services, Department of	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	
Total Health and Human Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	