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Most Arkansas recipients of a federal program providing food to needy families will see a change in benefits this month. About 160-thousand households in the state are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. Mary Franklin is director of the Division of County Operations at the Arkansas Department of Human Services, which administers the program locally. She says a temporary 15 percent increase in SNAP benefits because of the pandemic ended last week, but a reevaluation of how benefits are determined means most households will get a larger amount to buy food with.

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The change took effect last Friday. Households that started receiving benefits this year already have the changes in place.

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Two changes at the federal level mean most Arkansas recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will see a change in benefits this month. The program, formerly known as food stamps, helps about 160-thousand households in the state. SNAP benefits are administered locally by the Arkansas Department of Human Service. Mary Franklin, director of the Division of County Operations, says a temporary increase in benefits because of the pandemic ended last week, but a change in how benefit amounts are determined means most recipients will see an increase in benefits to buy food with.

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But those who enrolled in the program this year already have the changes in place and will not see a change in their benefit amounts.