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To help Summit County residents better understand what this means, we are breaking down parts of the new law. This is only a small portion of the changes made to the program, and does not account for any changes in Medicaid. We will provide more guidance as it becomes available.

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Changes to Funding: Admin Costs

Cost-sharing for administering SNAP

(staffing, operations, etc.)

Previously, the federal government & states evenly split the cost to administer SNAP.

Federal government paid 50%
States paid 50%

New

Now, states must pay 75% of admin costs and the federal government only pays 25%.

Ohio will be responsible for an additional \$51 million annually starting October 2026.

At this time, it is unclear if the State of Ohio plans to cover the \$51 million shortfall for counties. We are hopeful they will take steps to offset the loss at the local level.

If counties do shoulder this additional cost, Summit County will be responsible for an additional \$2.1 million every year, plus existing costs we pay.

Summit County's existing mandated share to the State of Ohio for all JFS programs is \$3,600,000 in local taxpayer funds.

With all new funding changes due to the OBBB, Ohio's new cost-share for SNAP is approximately **\$376 million annually**, in addition to current costs.

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Changes to Funding: Benefit Costs

Cost-sharing for Benefits

(the actual \$\$ on a SNAP recipient's EBT card when they swipe it at the grocery store)

New

The federal government has paid 100% of SNAP Benefits since SNAP began in 1964.

Now, states must pay a percentage of Benefit Costs based on their statewide error rate.

Payment Error Rate	Under 6%	6% - 7.99%	8% - 9.99%	10% or higher
State pays % of Benefits	0%	5%	10%	15%
Ohio will pay annually beginning in FY28*	\$0 annually	\$158 million annually	\$316 million annually	\$473 million annually

Current Error Rates

National average = 10.93%

Ohio statewide = 9%

Summit County = 3.48%

From FY2024

Previously, states paid \$0 in Benefit Costs.

If Ohio's error rate remains at 9%,
Ohio must pay **\$316 million annually** in Benefit Costs alone.

There is currently no pathway to afford this new cost.

During FY24, only 8 states (Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming) had error rates under 6%. All remaining states must now pay a portion of Benefit Costs for the first time in history.

For FY28, states must use error rate from either Oct. 2024 – Oct. 2025; or Oct. 2025 – Oct. 2026. FY2029 and beyond, the cost share is based on the error rate from 3 fiscal years prior.

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So, what is an Error Rate?

An error occurs when a SNAP recipient does not receive the amount of benefits that they should.

Errors include both overpayments and underpayments—when clients received *too little money* or *too much money* in benefits.

Errors originate from client errors (ex. incorrectly filling out a form), case worker errors, and system errors.

Error *rates* are calculated by reviewing a sample of SNAP cases.

The error rate is a measure of quality assurance, not an indicator of fraud.

FY2024 Error Rates

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Summit County takes quality assurance very seriously.

We run our own internal quality assurance program to reduce errors & have invested heavily in staff training.

To calculate our error rate for FY25, Summit County conducted 2,589 total case reviews, compared to 900 conducted by the State of Ohio.

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Expected Impact of Using Error Rates to Dictate State Costs

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For Fiscal Year 2028, states' new costs for SNAP will be based on the percentage of errors occurring **now through October 2026**. (October 2025 – October 2026)

Ohio's current error rate is 9%.

At this current error rate, the State of Ohio will be required to pay an additional \$316 million starting October 2027, in addition to other new costs from the OBBA.

The State of Ohio must cover this new cost burden, reducing the amount of funding allocated for staffing, training, and operations.

New documentation requirements increases staff workload significantly.

***More work + fewer resources = ↙
more errors = reduction in funds ↘***