



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services

# Guided Pathways to Success

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# CDHS Programs Impacting Food Security

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- ▶ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - ▶ Double Up Food Bucks Partnership
- ▶ The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- ▶ The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- ▶ National School Meals USDA Foods Program



# Food Assistance/SNAP Benefits

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- ▶ Provides grocery purchase support
- ▶ Increases access to healthy nutritional food
- ▶ Improves school readiness
- ▶ Helps local communities and economies
- ▶ Helps food banks/pantries maximize their ability to more fully supplement SNAP benefits for food security
- ▶ Lowers Medicaid expenditures for the State



# Why SNAP Matters

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- ▶ SNAP provides individuals with an average of \$130 a month per person.
- ▶ Food insecure homes spend 32% more on healthcare costs
- ▶ In 2014, U.S. estimated health-related costs of food insecurity were \$160.7 billion



# SNAP Facts

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- ▶ 74% of SNAP participants are in families with kids
  - ▶ Nationally figure is 68%
- ▶ 25% of SNAP participants are in families with elderly or disabled members
  - ▶ Nationally figure is more than 30%
- ▶ 58% of new SNAP applicants are on the program for less than one year
- ▶ Colorado currently serves approximately 60% of all program eligible

# New SNAP Initiative Impacting Students

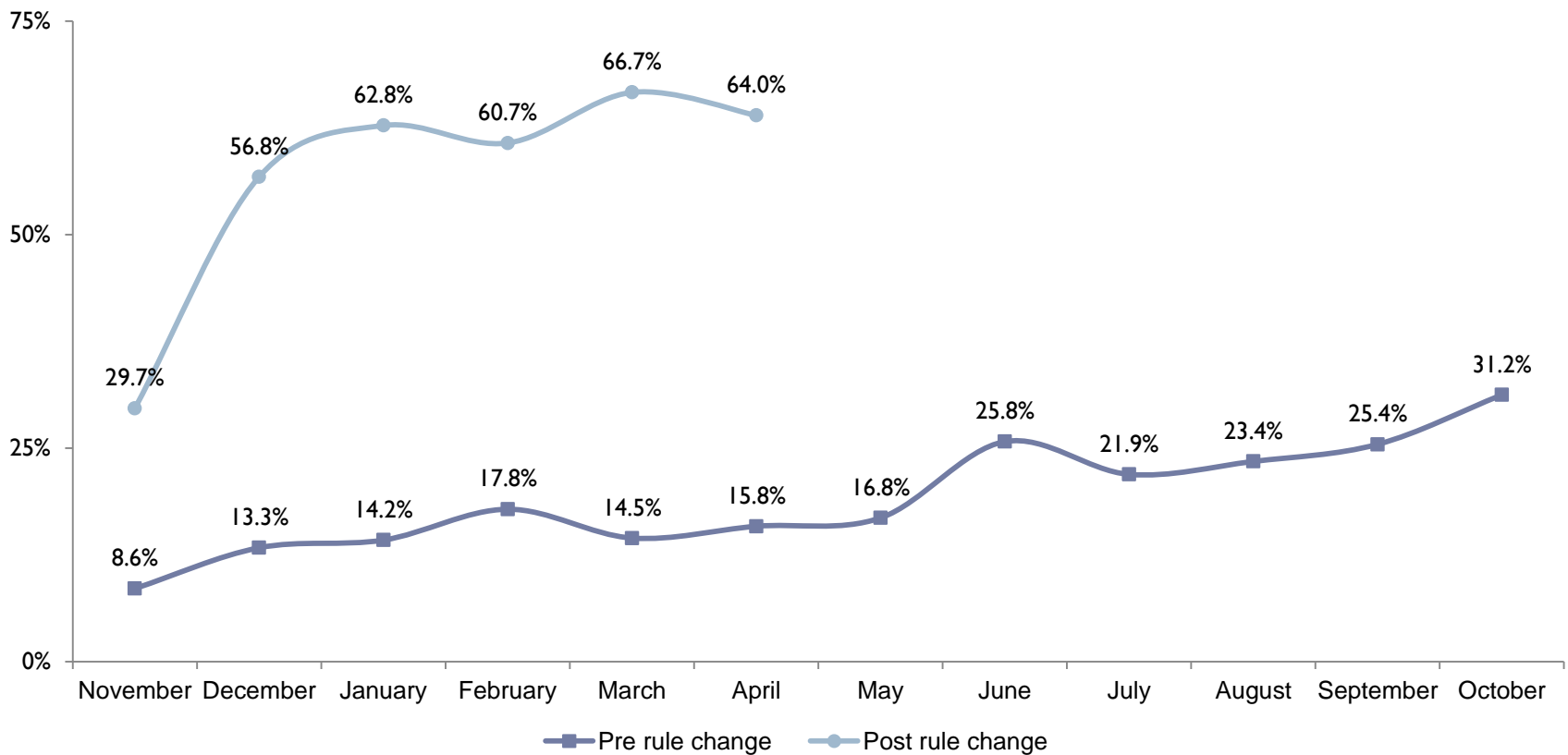
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- ▶ Financial Aid Exemption for Eligible Students
  - ▶ Students with employment
  - ▶ Includes work study
  - ▶ Includes scholarships
- ▶ Interested students may apply online at PEAK (Program Eligibility Application Kit)
  - ▶ Website: [www.Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://www.Colorado.gov/PEAK)



# Impact of Rule Change

## Comparison of the Percent of SNAP Applications Approved for Students



# Colorado PEAK



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## Welcome to PEAK



The fast and easy way to access benefit information - anytime and anywhere. PEAK is an online service for Coloradans to screen and apply for medical, food, cash, and child care assistance programs.

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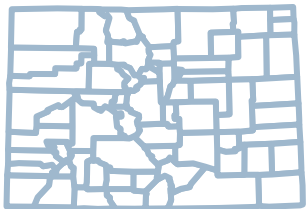
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# Programs on PEAk

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
- Early Intervention Colorado
- Head Start
- Healthy Steps
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Preschool Special Education
- School Nutrition
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Early Childhood



- Aid to the Blind (AB)
- Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND)
- Supplement to SSI (SSI)
- Old Age Pension (OAP)
- Home Care Allowance (HCA)
- Burial Assistance

Adult Financial



- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Food Assistance



- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Colorado Works



MAGI Medicaid

- Child/Adult/Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Non-MAGI Medicaid

- Long Term Care
- Adult Medical
- Medicare Savings
- Low-Income Subsidy

Connect for Health Colorado

- Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC)
- Cost Sharing Reductions (CSR)

Medical Assistance



# Questions

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