

Chip Cards Are Coming to SNAP EBT

Urgent Retailer Notice for California and Oklahoma SNAP EBT Retailers

Prepare for SNAP EBT Chip Cards

- In the **Summer of 2024**, California and Oklahoma will begin issuing new SNAP EBT cards with Chip and Tap technology.

About SNAP EBT Chip Card Payment

- SNAP retailers must be equipped to accept SNAP EBT chip card payment.
- Though strongly encouraged, SNAP retailers are not required to accept Tap EBT payment at this time.
- Chip and Tap transactions still require cardholder PIN entry at the point-of-sale.



SNAP EBT Chip Cards Help Prevent SNAP Fraud

- EBT fraud, including using [card skimming](#) to steal benefits, is on the rise.
- Introducing SNAP EBT chip cards is an important step to ensure that SNAP benefits are protected.
- SNAP EBT chip cards are harder to copy and make it harder to steal SNAP account information.
- SNAP EBT chip cards are a more secure payment option meant to protect SNAP retailers and SNAP participants from the devastating impact of stolen SNAP benefits.

Keep Your SNAP Customers Coming Back

- Accepting SNAP EBT chipcards can protect SNAP benefits while securing your SNAP customer base.
- SNAP participants want to know their SNAP benefits are safe when shopping at your store.
- SNAP participants may not want to use their SNAP EBT card at stores without a chip payment option.

Steps You Should Take Immediately

1. **Contact Your Point-of-Sale (POS) Service Provider TODAY** to ensure that your POS system will allow SNAP EBT chip cards to “fallback” to magnetic stripe transactions until SNAP EBT chip cards are supported (i.e. **ECL** capabilities are turned **on** in case the AID- **A0000000044542** is unsupported). Further details for your POS provider to follow are found here:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/ebt/modernization>.
2. **Request** that your POS system be updated to support SNAP EBT chip cards.
3. **Tell** your POS Provider that the SNAP EBT chip cards will use:
 - Standard EMV chips
 - Both contact-only and dual-interface
 - New EBT Application Identifier (AID): A0000000044542
 - 220 service code on Track II of the magstripe
 - Further details for your POS service provider to follow will be coming soon

For Help: If your POS service provider needs more information about supporting SNAP EBT chip cards, tell them to contact their Third-Party Processor (TPP)