# CHANGES COMING TO FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP) BENEFITS

## What is the change?

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government authorized extra food assistance dollars to be distributed to help address food insecurity. These extra benefits are ending in February due to recent federal legislation.

#### What does this mean?

Your total food assistance benefits will be less than you have been receiving. The extra federally approved dollars will no longer be included in your benefits.

### When will the change take place?

February is the last month you will receive the extra COVID-19 benefits. Beginning in March, you will receive your regular benefit amount.

### Where can I find my regular benefit amount?

You can find your regular benefit amount by logging into your MIBridges account or the ebtEDGE portal. The grantee on a FAP case can also call 1-844-464-3447 and follow the prompts to obtain the current month's benefit information.

### What can I do to prepare for this change?

- 1. Make sure to check your regular benefit amount so you can plan for this change.
- **2.** If you need additional resources, we urge you to seek out:
  - Call 2-1-1 to learn about community resources.
    - » Community partners.
    - » Double Up Food Bucks.
    - » Food banks.
    - » WIC (Women, Infants & Children Program).
    - » Free and reduced-price school meals.

