What is the Restaurant Meals Program?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) includes a Restaurant Meals Program that allows persons with disabilities, the elderly, and homeless SNAP households to use their QUEST (EBT) cards to purchase meals from participating restaurants and retailers. EBT cards work similar to ATM and credit cards.

This program benefits Arizona’s large population of elderly and persons with disabilities who may have difficulty preparing meals for themselves. It also allows homeless households the opportunity to purchase meals if they do not have a place to store and cook food.

Participation is easy!

Submit the following forms to the Department of Economic Security (DES):

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DES
- An application for certification with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) form #FNS 252-2

After reviewing the forms, DES will elevate the forms to FNS. FNS will send you a certification number to accept SNAP benefits under the Restaurant Meals Program. (If you already have an FNS number, you will need a separate number to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program.) Please contact DES with your new FNS certification number.

A packet containing both forms and instructions can be found at the following website: [https://des.az.gov/content/restaurant-meals-program](https://des.az.gov/content/restaurant-meals-program)