OVER 150,000 MICHIGAN RESIDENTS LOST ACCESS TO SNAP BENEFITS THIS YEAR – Between October 2025 and September 2026, more than 150,000 Michigan residents have lost access to the ***Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)*** due to federal changes.

The bigger picture: The ***Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*** reported that the ***SNAP*** caseload declined by over 80,000 households. The loss of access is partially due to policy changes at the federal level. Changes to Medicaid requirements also led to roughly 5,000 immigrants losing their coverage in Michigan. As further changes are expected to roll out starting January 1, ***DHHS*** predicts a total of 200,000 Michiganders will lose ***SNAP*** coverage.

To read more, please click here.

MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING UPDATE – A new campaign finance report was released on Monday covering the most recent quarter which ran from July 21 through October 20.

The bigger picture: The ***Senate Democrats*** outraised their ***Republican*** counterparts over the most recent period, but ***Republicans*** finished with more cash on hand. In the ***House, Republicans*** outraised the ***Democrats*** and finished the quarter with more cash on hand.

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REMINDER: TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY – If the constant ads, mailers and phone calls weren't enough, ***MHSA*** would like to remind clients that next Tuesday, November 3rd, is election day. We encourage all our clients to go vote (if you haven't already cast an absentee ballot or gone in-person for early voting)!

ELECTIONS

- Political advertising spending in Michigan surpassed $700 million for the 2026 election cycle. The high number places Michigan near the top of all states when looking at campaign spending. Nearly half of the spending comes from the ***U.S. Senate*** race, which totaled $344 million.

ODDS AND ENDS

- The Court of Claims ruled that every local clerk must keep their November 3 general election poll book information. The ruling goes against the ***Department of State's*** rules on deleting election poll book software even days after election certification. The expansion of a temporary retraining order on the deletion of poll books was originally for one local clerk who questioned the code. The ***Republican National Committee*** and ***Michigan Republican Party*** then went on the challenge the cost as unenforceable for the entire state.