



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Updates on Federal Actions Impacting NJ Institutions of Higher Education

Recent Federal Actions Regarding Higher Education

New Jersey Updates

Attorney General Platkin Sues Trump Administration for Illegally Suspending SNAP Benefits

AG Platkin joined a coalition of 21 other attorneys general and three governors in filing a lawsuit against the US Department of Agriculture for suspending the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. [The complaint and press release are available here.](#)

Federal Uncertainty Threatens Reliability of New Jersey SNAP and WIC Programs

As the Federal Government shutdown continues, Governor Murphy provides an update that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are currently guaranteed through October 31, 2025 and the NJ Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) through November 10, 2025. The State will continue to provide updates if the those timeframes can be extended. [Additional information and resources are detailed in this press release.](#)

Attorney General Platkin Demands Answers from Trump Administration Before Nutritional Programs End During a Federal Shutdown

On October 24, 2025, AG Platkin joined a coalition of 23 attorneys general in a letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education and Acting Associate Administrator for the SNAP requesting additional clarity and information on plans if the program pauses November 1, 2025 due to the continuing federal government shutdown. [The press release and a copy of the letter are available here.](#)

Request for Updates on Federal Impact, if Applicable

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with federal funding or other impacts due to federal action. Please submit a brief summary of issues to Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov if applicable to

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your institution. Updates and resources regarding federal actions continue to be provided on the [NJ OSHE website](#).

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