

HUNGER FREE NH ACT:

WHAT IT MEANS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

SB 499 SUPPORTS HEALTHY AGING

SB 499, the Hunger Free NH Act, would reduce hunger for NH children, older adults, and people with disabilities. NHAHA Advocacy strongly supports SB 499 as it includes a key section that supports the health of older adults in NH - a simplified application for SNAP.



SNAP PARTICIPATION IN NH

New Hampshire's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a state program that provides grocery dollars to low-income individuals and families to improve nutrition and reduce food insecurity. Currently, New Hampshire has low participation in SNAP for older adults and people with disabilities. Older adults remain the population group least likely to be enrolled in SNAP, with only 40% of eligible older adults actually enrolled.



SB 499 SUPPORTS NH CHILDREN

SB 499 has several parts that address hunger in New Hampshire children. It aims to:

- Improve participation in school breakfast
- Ensure children can access school meals
- Help children access summer meals



WHY NH NEEDS THE ESAP

The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) streamlines the application and certification process for older adults and people with disabilities who have no earned income. It makes it easier for them to enroll and stay enrolled in SNAP. An effective ESAP:



Improves the application and certification experience



Creates efficiencies for the state



Increases SNAP participation for older adults and people with disabilities

TAKE ACTION

Urge lawmakers to SUPPORT SB 499!
Learn how you can take action at new-futures.org/end-hunger.

NHAHA Advocacy is on social media!

