



IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SNAP RETAILERS

Update on Farm Bill (Agricultural Act of 2014)

All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) authorized retailers will be responsible for paying for their own Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) machines, the machines necessary to accept SNAP.

Maryland EBT

- While the national deadline was September 21, 2014, Xerox has extended this deadline to **October 25, 2014** for Maryland retailers.
- Previously, this service was provided at no cost by FNS. Xerox, the current provider for the state, will no longer provide these services.
- Merchants **MUST** find a third party processor.

Equipment Options

- If you would like to keep your current equipment, CDE Inc. will be providing EBT services through this equipment. Please look at the attached chart for additional details on the cost of services.
- If you would like to find an alternative provider, you can find one on your own or contact one from the attached chart.
 - If you do find an alternative provider, you are responsible for returning your current equipment to CDE Inc.

If merchants choose to do nothing, Xerox will slowly deactivate their machines after October 25.

If you have any questions, contact

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SNAP EBT Third Party Processor List

The list below provides some options for SNAP authorized retailers who may not know where to obtain EBT equipment and services*. It is not an all inclusive list and will be updated as FNS becomes aware of additional companies that provide this service. If you are a third party processor that wishes to be added to this list please contact FNS at RPMDHQ-Web@fns.usda.gov.

FNS does not endorse any one company over the other. SNAP authorized retailers should review the cost of leasing or purchasing equipment and services and make the best choice for their business; **you are NOT required to select from one of the companies below.**

Third Party Processor	Number
Bankcard Services	800-520-4488
Big Sky Commerce	866-327-0611
CDE Services	800-320-3789
CDS	800-371-5109
Fidelity Payment Services	855-794-7348
FIS Global	800-894-0050
HiTech Merchant Services	888-388-0186
Transaction Payment Systems	516-962-7788
TSYS Merchant Solutions	800-516-6242 ext 574-7016
Vantiv	866-622-2880

*Retailers that became SNAP-authorized after March 21, 2014, must pay for their own EBT equipment and services. Retailers authorized on or before March 21, 2014, and who have already been given no-cost EBT equipment and services by the State may, at the State's option, continue to use the EBT equipment and services at no-cost until September 21, 2014. **Such SNAP- authorized retailers should arrange for lease or purchase of EBT equipment and services as soon as they can, in order to ensure continued participation in SNAP. States may provide retailers that use no-cost EBT equipment and services with further instructions and deadlines.**

EXCEPTIONS: Eligible farmers' markets, direct-marketing farmers, military commissaries, non- profit food buying cooperatives, group living arrangements, treatment centers, and prepared meal services (other than for-profit restaurants participating in State-option restaurant programs) may continue to qualify for free EBT equipment and services until further notice.