



SNAP Recertifications

Presented by Financial Assistance Services

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SNAP Recertification Presentation Agenda

- **Introduction to All Hands on Deck: Access & Accuracy.**

Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager

- **SNAP program overview and recertification process.**

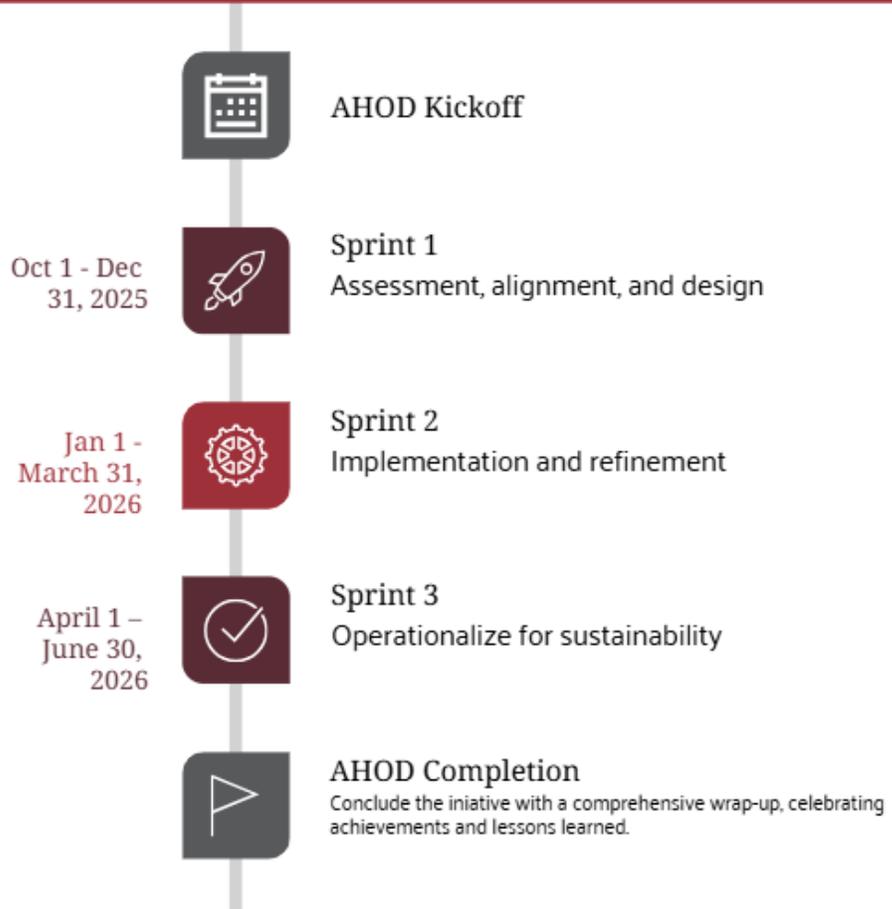
Ali Ali, Director Financial Assistance Services Department

- **Ramsey County SNAP statistics and program volume.**

Jason Hedin, Deputy Director Financial Assistance Services Department

- **Q&A**

All Hands on Deck Access & Accuracy



AHOD Current Critical Issue: Accuracy & Timeliness in public benefit determinations

- Focus on getting food, health care, and cash assistance right and on time.
- Delays or inaccuracies can negatively impact residents who rely on these benefits and may have downstream financial implications.

Ensuring residents receive *the right benefits, at the right time, every time.*

All Hands on Deck Workshop April 28, 2026

SNAP Recertifications

Federal

**Funding & program
framework**



State

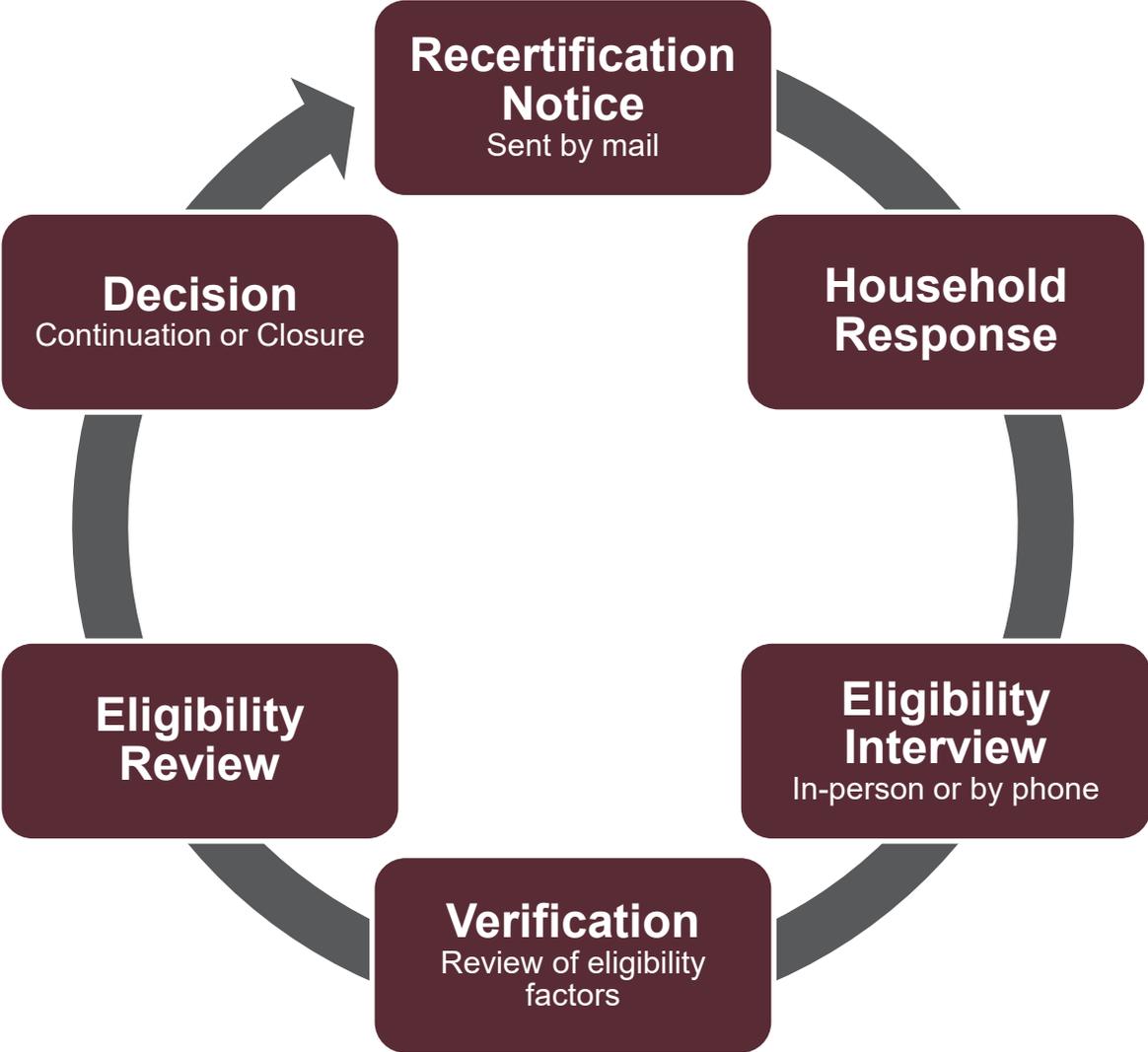
**Policy & system
oversight**



County

**Eligibility
determination &
recertification**



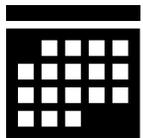




33,800
Active SNAP cases
(As of Feb 2026)



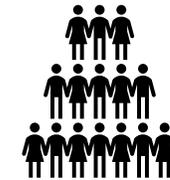
60,053
Individuals supported
(As of Feb 2026)



Monthly pace \approx 2,800
recertifications per month

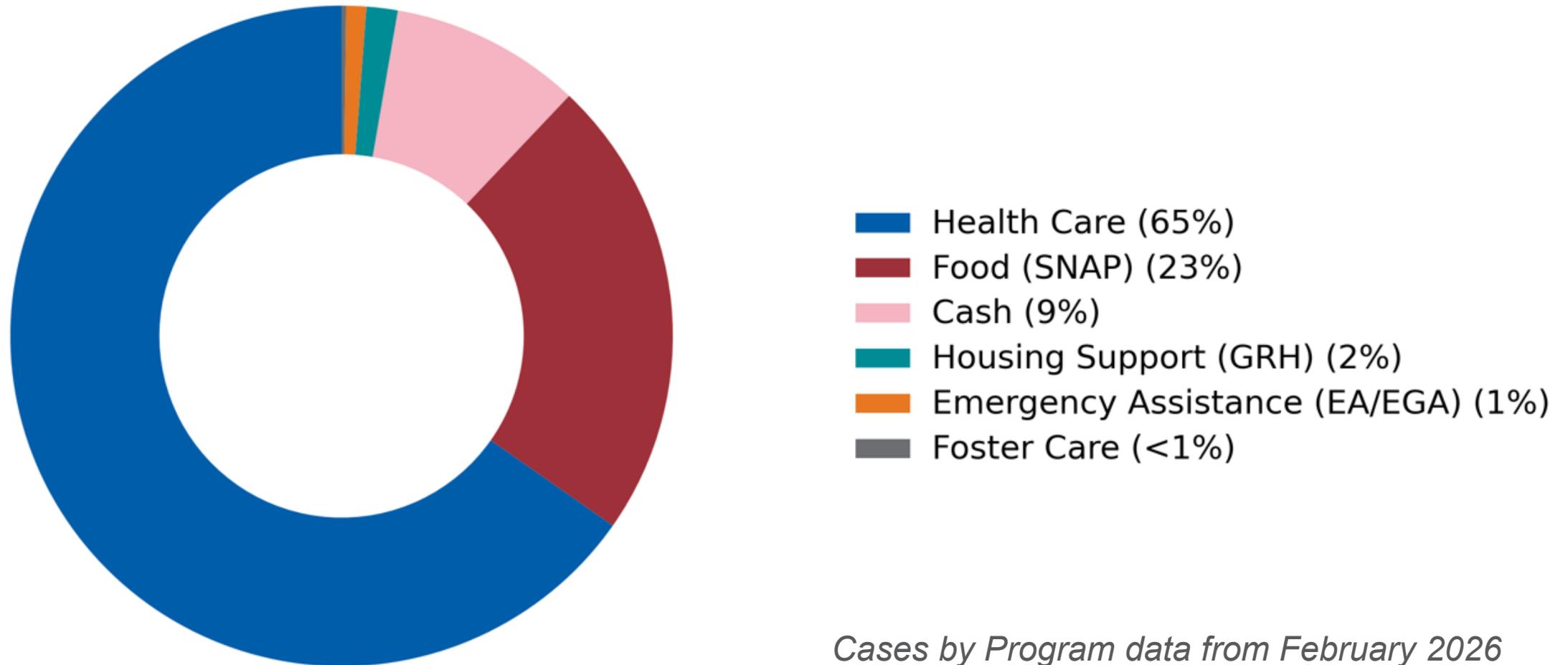


Time for recertification \approx
1 ½ to 2 hours per case



Monthly effort \approx
4,200–5,600 staff hours

Cases by Program



Cases by Program data from February 2026

Q & A



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Addendum

H.R.1 bill Known Impacts

Policy Changes

- Expanded SNAP work requirements for adults ages **18–64**
- Reduced exemptions for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and youth leaving foster care
- Restrictions on certain non-citizen eligibility categories
- Limits on how utility assistance and household expenses can be considered in benefit calculations

Financial & Administrative Changes

- Federal reimbursement for SNAP administration reduced from 50% to 25% beginning October 1, 2026
- States must cover 75% of program administration costs
- New state cost-sharing for SNAP benefits tied to Payment Error Rate (PER) beginning October 1, 2027

Program & Benefit Impacts

- Elimination of SNAP-Ed funding beginning October 1, 2025
- Limits on future updates to the Thrifty Food Plan, reducing long-term benefit growth
- Approximately 440,000 Minnesotans currently rely on SNAP each month

Operational Considerations for Counties

- Increased verification and eligibility determination requirements
- Higher financial exposure tied to program error rates
- Increased administrative workload for counties administering SNAP