**MARCH 2021** 

# MALNUTRITION CONNECTION

Providing Malnutrition Awareness and Advocacy Information to Share

### Malnutrition and The American Rescue Plan Act, National Nutrition Month®, and Other Malnutrition Resources

The <u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>, the new stimulus law that was enacted this month, has several important nutrition provisions in it:

\$750M in emergency funding for Older Americans Act nutrition programs

Continuation of the **15% increase** in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits

**\$25M** for USDA to make improvements to online purchasing in SNAP, the use of mobile technologies for SNAP purchases, and technical assistance to retailers

\$37M for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program





### March is National Nutrition Month®!

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. This year's theme is "Personalize Your Plate." There is no one-size-fits-all approach to nutrition and health. We are all unique with different bodies, goals, backgrounds and tastes.

## National Health Council **Upcoming Virtual Webinar:**

Nutrition-Related Quality
Measures: How Might They
Improve Care for People with
Chronic Conditions?

Register Here

April 09, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Zoom

### **Speakers:**

Moderator: Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, MS, Executive Vice President Strategic Initiatives, National Health Council

Sharon M. McCauley, MS, MBA, RDN, LDN, FADA, FAND

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#### Social Media:





March is **#NationalNutritionMonth** and this year's theme is **"Personalize Your Plate"** – there is no one-size-fits-all approach to nutrition and health. Learn more: <a href="https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month">www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month</a>

Whether you want to lower your cholesterol or simply eat better, consult the experts - registered dietitian nutritionists - who can provide easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice to achieve a healthier lifestyle Learn more: <a href="https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month">www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month</a> #NationalNutritionMonth