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Farm Bill Moving with Favorable Nutrition Title Provisions

The Farm Bill is moving! Congressional leaders reached agreement on a compromise bill and it has been reported out of Conference Committee and the Senate, with the House scheduled to follow soon. The bill mirrors the Senate version on Nutrition Title provisions, a great victory in protecting funding and not adding onerous work requirements to SNAP. When the bill has navigated the final steps of the legislative process, we will share a more comprehensive update. But, for now - great news on its movement and final form!

Public Charge Rule Proposal and ACA Enrollment

An insightful article on the Public Charge Rule Proposal and any potential impact on enrolling for health insurance through t2019 Marketplace: <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/consumers-seeking-marketplace-coverage-should-not-fear-public-charge-rule>. The comment period on this proposed rule has ended; if any action occurs, we will share insights.

The Open Enrollment period for 2019 Marketplace (Affordable Care Act - ACA) health insurance is coming to a close December 15 – just days away! To ensure concise, accurate and culturally relevant outreach messaging and materials are available to the network, Feeding America is partnering with Community Catalyst. How to help your neighbors become insured: Share the [Get Covered Connector Tool and/or HealthCare.gov](#) so community members can access free, in-person appointments for application assistance; post the [blog](#) via social and professional platforms this Open Enrollment period. For questions or additional information, contact Jessica Hager at jehager@feedingamerica.org.

Ag Appropriations

Congress extended federal funding through next week (December 21) to allow additional negotiation for pending budget bills, including the Agricultural Appropriations legislation that includes nutritional dollars such as SNAP. Watch for additional information as we monitor the funding legislation's progress.

Advocacy Resources

Contact the Mid-Ohio Foodbank advocacy team for federal, state and local government-related issues and questions:

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- Marilyn Tomasi, Vice President, Marketing, Communications and Public Affairs (614) 317-9446 or mtomasi@midohiofoodbank.org
- For information on the Farm Bill and grassroots advocacy, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

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