

The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress
invites you to a **Capitol Hill Briefing**

SNAP to Health: A Fresh Approach to Strengthening Nutrition in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Wednesday, July 18th, 2012 • 1:00pm—4:00pm
Russell Senate Office Building Room 385
Lunch will be provided

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One out of 6 Americans are food insecure, while approximately two-thirds of adults and one-third of children in the United States are overweight or obese. SNAP is the largest U.S. federal food assistance program—serving 46.4 million Americans, 50% of whom are children, at a cost of \$75 billion in FY2011. With the dual public health threats of food insecurity and obesity, this briefing will explore how SNAP, a critical safety net program, can be strengthened to improve nutrition in our country, especially today and in the future

This Capitol Hill Briefing will:

- ◆ Highlight innovative strategies for improving nutrition in SNAP.
- ◆ Discuss the importance of this program for children's health.
- ◆ Describe the dual public health challenges of food insecurity and obesity in the United States.
- ◆ Present a roadmap with recommendations for strengthening SNAP now and in the years ahead to help alleviate food insecurity, improve nutrition, and reduce obesity among low-income individuals and families.

Moderated by:

Susan J. Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.A., Director, Health and Medicine Program, Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress; Former Assistant Surgeon General of the United States

Featured speakers include:

The Honorable Ron Wyden, U.S. Senate (invited)

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)

Walter Willett, MD, DrPH, Chairman and Professor of Epidemiology and Nutrition, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health

Marion Nestle, PhD, MPH, Professor and Former Chair of the Department of Nutrition, New York University

David Ludwig, MD, PhD, Professor of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health
Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; Director, New Balance Foundation Obesity Prevention Center, Boston Children's Hospital

Other Speakers TBA

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