



## FOOD 4 LESS AND RANCHO SAN MIGUEL MARKETS ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF EBT SNAP FOR SAME-DAY DELIVERY AND PICKUP VIA INSTACART

*EBT SNAP Participants Will Now Be Able to Use Their Benefits Online at Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets Across California*

**STOCKTON, Calif. – October 13, 2021** — PAQ, INC., a 100% employee-owned company, will now offer EBT SNAP payment for same-day delivery and pickup via Instacart at all of their Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets locations. With this program, EBT SNAP participants will now be able to use their benefits to access fresh food and pantry staples online via Instacart from PAQ, INC.'s 22 Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel locations across California.

This launch follows the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's most recent approval allowing Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets and Instacart to launch their SNAP online partnership. With transportation often serving as a barrier to the grocery store, Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets delivery via Instacart hopes to make accessing food easier for customers.

"We are very excited to now accept EBT SNAP for same-day delivery and pick-up through Instacart. Our customers should feel good about feeding their families with quality products at everyday low prices from Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets regardless of their payment options," said Chris Podesto, Senior Vice President & General Manager of PAQ, INC.

"Providing people access to the food they love is at the core of Instacart's mission. We're proud to partner with Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel to provide more California families with a convenient and accessible way to get their fresh food and pantry staples," said David Healy, Retail Partnerships at Instacart. "Expanding EBT SNAP to reach same-day online grocery delivery and pickup is important to help people access the food they need, and we look forward to introducing this payment integration across California in partnership with PAQ, INC."

To help subsidize the costs for EBT SNAP participants, Instacart will waive delivery or pickup fees through December 31, 2021, up to the first three EBT SNAP orders for each customer with a valid EBT card associated with their Instacart account. For more information about EBT SNAP on Instacart, visit: [www.instacart.com/ebt-snap](http://www.instacart.com/ebt-snap).

Where available, EBT SNAP participants will now be able to shop from Food 4 Less and Rancho San Miguel Markets via the Instacart website and mobile app. Once an Instacart customer profile is created, customers can enter their EBT food card information as a form of payment in their profile. Customers will need a secondary form of payment for non-food items such as taxes, tips and fees per federal SNAP guidelines. Customers can then enter their zip code to determine if they are near a participating retailer, and begin shopping and selecting items from retailers' EBT-eligible products. Once items are added to their cart, customers will be able to select how much of their benefits they would like to allocate to the order. Orders for delivery and pickup can be placed by customers for receipt in as fast as an hour or scheduled several days in advance.

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### **About PAQ, INC.**

PAQ, INC. is a 100% employee owned grocery store headquartered in Stockton, Ca. There are over 1,000 employee owners. PAQ, INC. operates sixteen Food 4 Less Stores and soon to be seven Rancho San Miguel Markets from Sacramento County to San Luis Obispo County. For more information on Food 4 Less or Rancho San Miguel Markets, please contact Stephanie Black @ (209) 957-2555 ext.172.

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