



Food and Nutrition
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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of Alabama's State Plan Amendment for Pre-K and
Head Start Children Served through NSLP**

**TO: Willie Taylor
Regional Administrator
Southeast Regional Office**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (FFCRA or the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, 2020 the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced and began accepting State plans for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approves Alabama's enclosed amendment to their plan to operate P-EBT.

On May 15, 2020, Alabama asked FNS to approve an amendment to its P-EBT plan. Alabama's April plan did not cover children who participate in Pre-K and Headstart whose meals are reimbursed through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The State's amended plan will cover these children. The State estimates that their amended plan will extend P-EBT coverage to an additional 13,000 children.

FNS approves the State's P-EBT plan amendment. The amended plan will increase the number of children receiving P-EBT benefits from 407,395 to 420,395, and increase the estimated issuance amount from \$127.7 million to \$131.8 million.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
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