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**SUBJECT:** Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)  
Approval of American Samoa's State Plan Amendment for School Year  
2020-2021 and Summer 2021

**TO:** Jesus Mendoza, Jr.  
Regional Administrator  
Western Regional Office

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved American Samoa's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2020-2021 and summer 2021 on August 16, 2021.

American Samoa proposes to amend its school year and summer plan to extend the deadline for families to submit an application to receive P-EBT from October 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This application is only used to collect demographic information from families; it does not establish income eligibility. The amendment does not change the estimated number of beneficiaries or value of benefits in American Samoa's approved plan.

FNS approves American Samoa's requested amendment to extend the application deadline to December 31, 2021.

FNS reminds American Samoa of the importance of accurate reporting of P-EBT benefits on forms FNS-292B, FNS-46, and FNS-388. Please refer to FNS's [April 27 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long  
Administrator