



Food and Nutrition
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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of Alabama's State Plan Amendment: Case by Case Correction
of Issuances for Foster Care Households**

**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 approved the State of Alabama's plan to operate P-EBT on April 21, 2020. USDA approved two previous amendments to Alabama's P-EBT plan on May 27 and June 1.

On September 4, the State submitted an amended plan to issue P-EBT benefits to households of Foster Care children who were mistakenly denied benefits. The State will review inquiries from affected households on a case by case basis before determining eligibility and issuing P-EBT benefits. Alabama will issue those benefits for the appropriate closed school days in March, April, and May consistent with the requirements in the State's approved P-EBT plan. The State estimates that the value of benefits issued under this amendment will be less than \$50,000.

FNS approves Alabama's P-EBT plan amendment.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
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