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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of American Samoa's State Plan Amendment for School
Children, School Year 2021-2022**

**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 children in school year 2021-2022 on March 22, 2022.

American Samoa proposes to amend its school year plan to clarify that families have until December 31, 2022 to submit the necessary information to create or update a case file in American Samoa's ASNAP eligibility system. This change means that American Samoa may issue some benefits through the end of December. The registration process only collects demographic information from families; it does not establish income eligibility. American Samoa also proposes to extend the deadline for households to use their benefits from December 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

FNS approves American Samoa's requested amendment to extend its registration deadline to December 31, 2022 and to extend the deadline for households to use benefits to March 31, 2023.

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, 2020 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
Administrator