



Food and Nutrition
Service

1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA
22314

August 2, 2022

**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of the California's State Plan Amendment,
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 California's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2020-2021 on June 3, 2021 and for Summer 2021 on July 22, 2021. On December 14, 2022, FNS approved an amendment to these plans to reissue certain expunged benefits at the request of households. The state will only consider requests for reissuance in cases where the household spent none of the benefits. Households will submit requests for reissuance through California's P-EBT helpline through August 1, 2023.

California proposes to further amend the SY 20-21 and summer 2021 P-EBT plans to allow households to submit requests for reissuance through August 18, 2023. California will continue to only consider requests from households that did not spend any of their benefits. No benefits will be reissued after September 30, 2023. Reissued benefits will be expunged after 365 days of non-use.

FNS approves California's P-EBT plan amendment to allow for submission of requests for reissuance until August 18, 2023.

FNS reminds California 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