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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of the Colorado's State Plan for Children in Child Care
Amendment**

**TO: Cheryl Kennedy
Regional Administrator
Mountain Plains Regional Office**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127; the Act) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with certain SNAP-enrolled children in child care during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved the Colorado's plan to operate P-EBT for children in child care on May 28.

Colorado proposes to amend its approved P-EBT plan for children in child care to issue benefits to all households in July or August based on the months eligible children were enrolled in SNAP. Colorado's previously approved plan would have issued benefits for children with open and closed SNAP payments at different times. Additionally, Colorado's previously approved plan confirmed that an administrative simplification was necessary due to the administrative complexity of determining child-level eligibility determinations based on the months eligible children were enrolled in SNAP. Colorado has confirmed that this administrative simplification is not necessary and benefits will be issued only for the months that children were enrolled in SNAP. Finally, the plan provides additional clarity on its process for resolving disputes and ensuring access to all eligible households.

FNS approves the Colorado's P-EBT plan amendment. The State agency must notify the FNS Regional Office immediately if it is preparing to issue an amount different than the estimate in this plan.

FNS reminds Colorado 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,

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