

**Amendment to Approved District Plan for Pandemic EBT
Children in School and/or Child Care, Summer 2022**

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Summary:	(1) This document is a template to assist Districts in the development of an amendment to extend their approved District plan to operate Pandemic EBT for school children and for children in child care during summer 2022. (2) This document relates to Section 1101 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-2)

Additional context and background for this document can be found at:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/District-guidance-coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt>

The submission of a P-EBT District plan, associated template and related reporting obligations are addressed in OMB# 0584-0660, expiration 11/30/2023.

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1. District: District of Columbia

2. Primary Citation: Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2022

3. Here's what FNS needs from you:

- a. If a District chooses to elect the U.S. standard benefit¹, simply check the box below. Next, go to letter 'c' (*Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits*) of the template.



By checking this box, we are indicating that our District will use the U.S. standard benefit for the covered summer period. We understand that USDA is only able to offer an interim standard benefit for children in child care at this time; USDA will provide Districts with additional guidance in mid to late June 2022 / early July that specifies the remaining amount of the USDA standard benefit for children in child care commensurate with the expiration date of the public health emergency.

- b. If a District chooses not to elect the U.S. standard benefit, FNS needs the following information:

- The number of days for which benefits will be issued as part of the District's covered summer period; and
- An explanation for how the District arrived at the number of days in the District's covered summer period. USDA will not approve a plan that does not tie the length of its covered summer period to the actual summer 2022 calendars of an enrollment-weighted average, or the median, of a representative sample of its school districts.
- For the child care portion of the plan, USDA can only guarantee benefits through July 9. USDA considers this to be 1/2 through the typical District's covered summer period. For purposes of calculating an interim summer P-EBT benefit for children in child care, Districts may apply this 1/2 fraction to the full summer benefit that the District has calculated for school children.

¹ The U.S. standard benefit – as defined in Question #5 of FNS' Summer 2022 P-EBT Q&As – is equal to the median number of weekdays in a sample of each District's largest school districts multiplied by the daily P-EBT rate. For Districts in the continental U.S., that works out to a fixed summer benefit of \$391 per eligible child (55 days at \$7.10 per day). The U.S. standard benefit is higher for Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories; see Q/A #15 for a complete set of standard benefit amounts.

- If the District believes that this date is more or less than 1/2 through the typical summer period of the District's schools, please support your position with data on the most common start dates of the summer break in the District's schools.
- As discussed in item #16 of USDA's P-EBT Summer 2022 Q&As, USDA will provide Districts with additional guidance by mid to late June / early July that specifies the remaining fraction of the full USDA standard benefit that Districts may provide to children in child care.

Response: [please use as much space as needed]

N/A – Option A was chosen.

- c. Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the District will issue within this amendment's date range. (Consult the appropriate table in Section 4, "Benefit Levels.")
 - Estimated amount issued to school children
 - Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care
- d. Estimated total number of children to which the District will issue P-EBT benefits.
 - Estimated number of school children
 - Estimated number of non-school children in child care
- e. Tentative P-EBT issuance schedule (the dates on which Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued). Note that USDA encourages Districts to distribute summer benefits in two or even three issuances across the summer, to the extent practical.
- f. Describe how the District will identify eligible school children and children in child care for summer P-EBT. You must address each of the following bulleted items, below, when responding.

For school-aged children:

- Describe how the District will identify school children who received P-EBT benefits during the last month of SY 21-22.
- Describe how the District will identify school children who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the NSLP and SBP in SY 21-22 but did not receive P-EBT benefits in the last month of the school year because they attended school in-person and benefitted from a free or reduced price meal service at school. This includes children who were eligible for F/RP meals during the school year and did not receive P-EBT benefits because the children attended school in-person during the school year.

- Describe how the District will identify children who are determined newly eligible for free or reduced price school meals during the covered summer period. Districts must provide an opportunity for families to apply for free or reduced price meals using the normal application process. Districts and SFAs should consider maintaining a minimum presence to process Free and Reduced Price Meal applications, perhaps on a part-time or weekly basis. Another alternative is for SFAs to accept new Free and Reduced Price Meal applications during the summer but only process them after the start of the new school year. Children determined eligible on applications ***submitted prior to the end of the summer*** could then be issued P-EBT benefits retroactively after the start of the new school year. (Note that it is preferable to process applications and issue benefits during the summer period that the benefits are intended to cover).

Response: [please use as much space as needed]

Parts C& D: The following table contains the estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the District will issue within this amendment’s date range. This table assumes that HHS will not issue a notice of termination prior to June 30 since today’s date is fewer than 60 days prior to June 30.

Flat Rate Summer	\$391	
	Estimated # of Children	Estimated total Payment
School Children	65,941	\$25,783,029
Children in Childcare	16,150	\$6,314,650
Total	82,091	\$32,097,679

- Estimated amount issued to school children **\$25,783,029**
- Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care **\$6,314,650**
- Estimated number of school children **65,941**
- Estimated number of non-school children in child care **16,150**

Part E:

The District of Columbia proposes the following milestones:

June 2022:

- o P-EBT SY Child Care plan approval.
- o DHS will utilize the established web form to address discrepancies regarding the household mailing address, child's information, parent/guardian information, etc.

July 2022:

- o P-EBT Summer Benefit Plan approval
- o SY Childcare benefits will be issued for August 2021 through May 2022

August - September 2022:

- o A single issuance for all summer payments will go out during this period. A date is not yet set for this single issuance and the timeframe is wide because the ability to issue depends on system readiness and some procurement timelines.
- o Send payments for a clean-up file and reconcile cases that are appealed from households that state that they did not receive P-EBT benefits but should have been eligible or those who became eligible over the summer.

Part F:

1. The District will identify school children who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the NSLP and SBP in SY 21-22 by reviewing the last month of available student data.
2. To issue benefits for children who became eligible over the summer, the District will run an additional eligibility match in the Student Information System (SIS) in the month of September. Students can only become newly eligible for P-EBT if they had been enrolled in the previous school year, since this summer benefit is an extension of SY 21-22.

The application period for Summer P-EBT will be defined as children who apply for FARM before August 29, 2022 and are approved and updated in the SIS before September 15, 2022.

The SIS is updated at the beginning of the school year and will contain newly-approved FARM applications submitted over the summer. A strict deadline will be communicated with residents so they have an understanding that FARM applications must be submitted to their respective schools by August 29, 2022. Additionally, OSSE Leaders will be informed that all FARM applications must be approved and updated in the SIS before September 15, 2022 to enable DHS to issue P-EBT benefits to students who became eligible over the summer. In this way, the District will be able to issue summer P-EBT benefits to all newly eligible students during the month of September 2022.

For children in child care:

- Describe how the District will identify children who are enrolled in SNAP during the covered summer period and who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year.

- Describe how the District will identify children who are enrolled in SNAP during the covered summer period and who would have received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year, but did not receive benefits because their child care facility was not closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month, and neither their child care facility nor the child’s residence was in the area of a school that was closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month.
- Describe how the District will identify children who are part of a SNAP household who are newly eligible for P-EBT child care benefits during the covered summer period

Response: [please use as much space as needed]

1. The District will identify all SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year and have received SNAP benefits in at least 1 summer month (June, July, August).
2. At the end of the summer period, the District will run an additional eligibility data match to capture SNAP families with children under the age of 6 on July 1, 2022 who became eligible during the summer period, that is July 1, 2022 through August 29, 2022. The District will issue the summer benefit to those families during the month of September 2022.

4. Confirmation of remaining elements in the District’s approved school plan and/or child care plan

- Please confirm that your P-EBT summer plan mirrors your approved school year 2021-2022 plan for EBT Processing and Benefit Issuance as well as Customer Service (Sections 7 and 8 of the [SY 21-22 District Plan Template for Pandemic EBT](#)). You do not need to describe in detail how you will handle these matters if your summer plan mirrors your approved school year plan(s); but if your summer plan materially differs from your approved school year plan(s), please describe how.

Response: [please use as much space as needed]

The District’s summer plan will remain the same as the 2020-2021 school year plan in all respects not discussed, including dispute resolution, public information campaigns, serving marginalized communities, and students assigned to non-public schools.

5. Benefit Levels

A. U.S. Standard Benefit

Standard Benefit for School Children & Children In Childcare

2022 Covered Summer Period	U.S. Standard P-EBT Benefit School Children		
	Median Length of Covered Summer Period (weekdays)	Daily P-EBT Rate	Standard Benefit
Contiguous U.S.	55	\$7.10	\$391
Alaska	55	11.44	629
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	55	8.28	455

District-Determined Benefit, Based on Daily Rate

Note: The daily benefit amount – \$7.10 – is only needed if a District elects to set its own covered summer period length; that is to say, if a District declines to use the U.S. standard benefit.

2022 Covered Summer Period	Free Reimbursements			
	Lunch	Breakfast	Snack	Daily Total
Contiguous U.S.	\$3.75	\$2.35	\$1.00	\$7.10
Alaska	6.03	3.78	1.63	11.44
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	4.37	2.74	1.17	8.28

Notes:

1. Lunch rates include the 7 cent performance-based reimbursement and the extra 2 cents per meal received by school food authorities in which 60 percent or more of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.
 2. Breakfast rates are those received by "severe need" schools.
 3. Snack rates are those for afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs
- Source: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-07-16/pdf/2021-15107.pdf>

Civil Rights Statement

The District will continue to comply with civil rights requirements by not discriminating on the ground of race, color, or national origin, by providing meaningful access to its programs and activities for individuals who are limited English proficient, and by providing equal access to individuals with disabilities.

Administration of District P-EBT Plan

The District will administer P-EBT according to the terms of its approved District plan. In general, conditions related to benefit issuance reporting, administrative funding, and release of

information remain in effect for the covered summer period. If the District wishes to change any of the terms of its plan, the District shall first notify USDA and will, if requested by USDA, submit a plan amendment for USDA review and approval.

Reminder

If the District needs to make any significant changes to its Summer 2022 plan after approval, the District needs to submit an amendment to FNS that describes the change and its impact on operating summer P-EBT. USDA will review the amendment and approve allowable amendments.