

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

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<b>Summary:</b>	(1) This document is a template to assist States in the development of an amendment to extend their approved State 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, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (P.L. 117-2)

*Additional context and background for this document can be found at:*

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-guidance-coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt>

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

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

1. State: Oklahoma

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 State chooses to elect the U.S. standard benefit<sup>1</sup>, 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 State 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 states 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 State 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 State's covered summer period; and
- An explanation for how the State arrived at the number of days in the State'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 enrollmentweighted 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 State's covered summer period. For purposes of calculating an interim summer P-EBT benefit for children in child

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<sup>1</sup> 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 State's largest school districts multiplied by the daily P-EBT rate. For States 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.

care, States may apply this 1/2 fraction to the full summer benefit that the State has calculated for school children.

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

**Response:** [please use as much space as needed]

**The State of Oklahoma elects to use the standard benefit amount of \$391 per child.**

- c. Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the State will issue within this amendment's date range. (Consult the appropriate table in Section 4, "Benefit Levels.")
  - Estimated amount issued to school children **\$150,926,000**
  - Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care **\$35,972,000**
- d. Estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits.
  - Estimated number of school children **386,000**
  - Estimated number of non-school children in child care **92, 000**
- e. Tentative P-EBT issuance schedule (the dates on which Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued). Note that USDA encourages States to distribute summer benefits in two or even three issuances across the summer, to the extent practical.
  - School children
  - Children in child care

**This response is for both populations. Oklahoma's standard process of benefit issuance is staggered by case number groups. These group are defined by the last number of their 6 digit case number. For example, case Q482697 would be considered to be in group 7. Issuance occurs in groups of 3 (789, 456, 0123). The 3 staggered groupings will each receive a one-time standard issuance of \$391. We**

**plan to issue Summer P-EBT benefits to school children first beginning on or before July 1, 2022. Children in child care benefits will be issued after July 1, 2022 as this will allow the state to determine what correct partial/full benefit issuance amount due to the public health emergency ending or not. Any second round of benefit issuances for school children or children in child care that were not included in July will occur beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Please provide tentative issuance dates for the interim benefit for children in child care, and for any remaining amount that States will be able to issue following the release of additional guidance from USDA in mid to late June / early July.

**We plan to issue Summer P-EBT benefits school children first and to begin on or before July 1, 2022. Summer P-EBT benefits for children in child care will be issued later after Summer P-EBT for school children. Children in child care benefits will be issued after July 1, 2022 as this will allow the state to determine what correct partial/full benefit issuance amount due to the public health emergency ending or not. Any second round of benefit issuances for school children or children in child care that were not included in July will occur beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- f. Describe how the State 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 State will identify school children who received P-EBT benefits during the last month of SY 21-22.

**Oklahoma DHS will issue benefits based upon the May 2022 eligible child file as provided by the State Department of Education (SDE). FNS has made the simplified assumption that graduating seniors will be eligible to receive Summer PEBT and Therefore will be included in the benefit. This file would only include children who were enrolled as of May 2022 and/or graduated in May 2022.**

- Describe how the State 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 inperson during the school year.

**The data file received from SDE includes eligible children that had 0 days eligibility during the regular school year, as they attended in person. Those children will be included in the Summer PEBT benefit.**

- Describe how the State will identify children who are determined newly eligible for free or reduced price school meals during the covered summer period. States must provide an opportunity for families to apply for free or reduced price meals using the normal application process. States 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).

**Oklahoma will consider the 90 days of summer being defined as 6/1/22-8/29/22.**

**DHS will utilize the complete list of all NSLP/CEP eligible school children as of May 2022 to issue Summer PEBT benefits. Said listing will only include children that were enrolled in school in May 2022. Individuals that graduated in May 2022 will be included in that listing as FNS has issued the simplifying assumption that they are eligible for Summer PEBT benefits.**

**Children starting school in the fall of 2022 will NOT be included in the benefit for school children as they are not eligible for Summer PEBT unless they were already enrolled as of May 2022. SDE will report children that were enrolled during the 21-22 school year that became newly eligible for NSLP over the summer. For SY 21-22 the deadline to apply to receive Free and Reduced meals is August 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reduced School meal applications received after the deadline will not qualify for Summer P-EBT benefits However, they could be included in the childcare population if and ONLY if they were included on a SNAP case for all, or part, the summer months.**

**For children in child care:**

- Describe how the State 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.

**Oklahoma will use the child care data file for May 2022 to issue Summer PEBT benefits. All children in that data file under the age of 6 will be included in the Summer PEBT benefit issuance, even if they resided in a county where no children were eligible for PEBT benefits**

**in May 2022, the last month of the school year. Just as FNS has assumed that all schools are deemed closed for the summer, so are all child care facilities or at reduced capacity. Children must be enrolled in SNAP during one of the summer months to be eligible for summer child care benefits. Children whose enrollment in the SNAP program either begins or ends during the summer period are eligible for the full summer benefit amount \$391. If the Public Health Emergency (PHE) does end during the summer, children who do not become SNAP eligible until after the end of the PHE would not be eligible for a P-EBT summer child care benefit (even the reduced \$195 benefit). P-EBT ends when the PHE ends, and these children would not have satisfied the requirements for P-EBT eligibility while the P-EBT program was in place. This is an exception to the general rule that children whose SNAP enrollment begins or ends during the summer period are eligible for the full summer benefit.**

**A search will be done for children under 6 with new eligibility as of June-August 2022. For May: Cross reference the May Children in Child Care PEBT file against the Summer School files and remove any identified children who have already received Summer P-EBT. Cross reference by name/DOB.**

**For June: Children under six (as of May 2021) whose SNAP eligibility did not begin until June. We would create a new file for children under age six who received SNAP benefits in June. Then cross-reference against the Summer P-EBT file. For July: Same as June, For Aug: Same as June.**

- Describe how the State 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.

***Oklahoma will be employing the FNS simplified assumption that all children under the age of 6 are considered enrolled in child care. In addition, Oklahoma will be utilizing the FNS assumption that all schools and child care facilities are considered closed for the summer or at reduced capacity. Children whose enrollment in the SNAP program either begins or ends during the summer period are eligible for the full summer benefit amount per statute. DHS will cross reference the children with the data of all children that already were issued summer PEBT benefits to ensure that there will not be cases of double issuance, resulting in an overpayment.***

- Describe how the State 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

***Oklahoma will consider the 90 days of summer being defined as 6/1/22- 08/29/22. DHS will utilize the FNS assumption that both schools and child care facilities are to be considered closed for the summer period or at reduced capacity which makes this entire population eligible for full standard benefit if \$391. Summer PEBT benefit issuance will include children that were considered to be enrolled in school/childcare in May 2022 per statute. The assumption that all children under the age of 6 that are SNAP recipients are to be considered enrolled in childcare results in any child under the age of 6 that becomes a SNAP recipient in May 2022, would be considered as being enrolled in childcare which makes the child eligible for Summer PEBT by FNS guidance.***

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

- Please confirm that your P-EBT summer plan mirrors your approved school year 20212022 plan for EBT Processing and Benefit Issuance as well as Customer Service (Sections 7 and 8 of the [SY 21-22 State 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: Oklahoma confirms P-EBT summer plan does mirror approved school year 2021-2022 plan for EBT processing and Benefit issuance as well as customer service.**

## 5. Benefit Levels

### A. U.S. Standard Benefit

#### Standard Benefit for School Children

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

#### Standard Benefit for Children in Child Care (Interim)

2022 Covered Summer Period	U.S. Standard P-EBT Benefit Children in Child Care (Interim)			
	Median Length of Covered Summer Period (weekdays)	Length of the Summer During the Public Health Emergency	Daily P-EBT Rate	Interim Standard Benefit
Contiguous U.S.	55	1/2	\$7.10	\$195
Alaska	55	1/2	11.44	315
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	55	1/2	8.28	228

#### State-Determined Benefit, Based on Daily Rate

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

2022 Covered Summer Period	Free Reimbursements			
	Lunch	Breakfast	Snack	Daily Total



<b>Contiguous U.S.</b>	\$3.75	\$2.35	\$1.00	<b>\$7.10</b>
<b>Alaska</b>	6.03	3.78	1.63	<b>11.44</b>
<b>Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico</b>	4.37	2.74	1.17	<b>8.28</b>

**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 State 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 State P-EBT Plan**

The State will administer P-EBT according to the terms of its approved State 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 State wishes to change any of the terms of its plan, the State shall first notify USDA and will, if requested by USDA, submit a plan amendment for USDA review and approval.

**Reminder**


If the State needs to make any significant changes to its Summer 2022 plan after approval, the State 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.

**Signatures and Titles of Requesting SNAP and Child Nutrition State Agency Officials:**




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**Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**



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Signature

**Justin B. Brown, Secretary of Human Services and Early Childhood Initiatives**

**Date of Request:** \_\_\_\_\_