



Food and Nutrition
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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of Illinois's State Plan Amendment**

**TO: Tim English
Regional Administrator
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (FFCRA or the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, 2020 the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced and began accepting State plans for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Illinois's plan to operate P-EBT on April 17, 2020.

Consistent with the approved State plan, FNS is approving the State's amendment to add additional benefit days due to additional school closure dates. This will increase the number of benefit days from 32 to 60, and increase in the estimated issuance amount from \$204,489,187 to \$383,417,226.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
Acting Associate Administrator
Regional Operations and Support