

**Amendment to Approved State Plan for Pandemic EBT  
Children in School and/or Child Care, Summer 2021**

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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 2021. (2) This document relates to Section 1106 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)
<b>Disclaimer:</b>	The contents of this guidance document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

***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. This emergency information collection (IC) will be replaced by a full IC package to be submitted to OMB for approval prior to its expiration date of 8/31/21. All components of this summer 2021 P-EBT package will be addressed in the full IC package.*

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1. **State:** Kansas
  
2. **Primary Citation:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
  
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.*
  
  - 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 2021 calendars of an enrollment-weighted average, or the median, of a representative sample of its school districts.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. standard benefit – as defined in Question #5 of FNS' Q&A document titled, "Summer P-EBT Q&A" – is equal to the median number of weekdays in the sampled 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 \$375 per eligible child (55 days at \$6.82 per day). The U.S. standard benefit is higher for Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories; see Q/A #14 for a complete set of standard benefit amounts.

- 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  
220,000 x \$375= \$82,500,000
  - Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care  
31,000 x \$375= \$11,625,000
- d. Estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits.
  - Estimated number of school children 220,000
  - Estimated number of non-school children in child care 31,000
- 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.

Kansas will do two separate issuances for Summer P-EBT, one to the population known at the end of the school year and one to the newly eligible population at the beginning of next school year.

- School children – Kansas will consider May the last month of the 2020-2021 school year and will issue a single benefit of \$375 of summer P-EBT in September 2021 to all known eligible students. The issuance will be staggered over a 10 day period beginning on or around the 20th of the month.
- Kansas will issue a single benefit of \$375 for summer P-EBT in October 2021 to all newly eligible students identified by Kansas State Department of Education during the summer until school is back in session for each LEA. The issuance will be staggered over a 10 day period beginning on or around the 20th of the month.
- Children in child care – Kansas Child Care Summer P-EBT benefits will be integrated with the school summer P-EBT and issued in September 2021 as a single issuance benefit of \$375 staggered over a 10 day issuance period beginning on or around the 20th of the month.

Kansas will issue a single benefit of \$375 for summer Child Care P-EBT in October 2021 to all newly eligible children identified as newly eligible for SNAP during the summer until school is back in session for each LEA. The issuance will be staggered over a 10 day period beginning on or around the 20th of the month.

- 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 20-21.

Kansas will use the list of students that were eligible for free or reduced price meals during the last month (May) of the SY 20-21 school year to ensure all eligible students are captured.

- 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 20-21 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.

Kansas State Department of Education has already provided Kansas Department for Children and Families a list of all students that were both eligible for free or reduced price meals and enrolled during the last month (May) of the SY 20- 21 school year but did not receive school P-EBT due to attending school in person. DCF will use this data to issue Summer P-EBT to students who were eligible for free or reduced price meals but did not receive P-EBT in the last month of school because they attended school in person.

- 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).

Kansas LEAs will continue to directly certify students throughout the summer and send updates to KSDE to send to DCF. Kansas LEAs will continue to receive and determine free or reduced price meal applications through June 30<sup>th</sup> based until the SY 20-21 free or reduced price meal application and send updates to KSDE so that Unique Identifiers can be assigned and then KSDE will update DCF. When the new Program Year begins on July 1, 2021 all Kansas LEAs will be participating in the Seamless Summer Option and will serve free meals to all students without free or reduced price meal applications, if a household wants to apply for Summer P-EBT, the LEA will refer the household to KSDE. KSDE has an electronic Kansas Free and Reduced Price Application that the household will use to apply and if determined to be eligible will be added to the list for DCF and given a Unique Identifier to apply through the DCF Parent Portal. **The deadline to apply prior to schools starting is Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

P-EBT benefits will be issued to newly eligible students during the summer months in October 2021. Newly eligible students that are not direct certified will be issued a unique identifier and will apply for Summer P-EBT benefits through the DCF Online Parent Portal. The unique identifier will also act as verification for DCF that the child(ren) were eligible for free or reduced price meals during the summer months.

**The state confirms that applications received after schools end classes and begin their summer breaks cannot be used to provide retroactive P-EBT benefits for SY 20-21.**

#### **For children in child care:**

- Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year.

The state has already identified SNAP-enrolled children because they were issued P-EBT for the 2020-2021 school year these issuance records will be used to identify these children. Kansas will issue Summer P-EBT benefits to all children that received Child Care P-EBT benefits during the SY 20-21.

**DCF confirms that children who received P-EBT Child Care benefits during the school year must be Food Assistance enrolled during the summer period to receive summer benefits.**

The state will issue Summer P-EBT benefits to newly eligible SNAP households that were eligible for at least one month during the summer period of June, July and August. This Includes children born during the Summer P-EBT timeframe. Children added to existing SNAP cases during this timeframe will also be eligible. DCF will identify these children by using SNAP data in KEES.

**The state confirms that children entering Kindergarten in SY 2021-2022, are not**

eligible to receive Summer P-EBT as school children, but they may qualify for P-EBT summer benefits under Child Care P-EBT.

- Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children 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.

Kansas will identify all children under the age of 6 through that are part of a household that received SNAP in Kansas but did not receive P-EBT for the benefit for the SY 20-21 due to the school learning mode in their area. DCF will identify these children through our integrated eligibility system Kansas Eligibility Enforcement System (KEES).

- 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

Kansas will identify all children under the age of 6 that are part of a household that received SNAP in Kansas during the benefit months of June, July and August through SNAP data in KEES. Children that have not received benefits already will be issued Child Care Summer P-EBT benefits in October. DCF will use data in KEES to prevent duplicate participation.

**4. Benefit Levels**

**A. U.S. standard Benefit**

2021 Covered Summer Period	U.S. Standard P-EBT Benefit		
	Median Length of Covered Summer Period (weekdays)	Daily P-EBT Rate	Standard Benefit
Contiguous U.S.	55	\$6.82	<b>\$375</b>
Alaska	55	10.99	<b>604</b>
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	55	7.97	<b>438</b>

**B. State-Determined Benefit, Based on Daily Rate**

Note: The daily benefit amount – \$6.82 – 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.

2021 Covered Summer Period	Free Reimbursements			
	Lunch	Breakfast	Snack	Daily Total
Contiguous U.S.	\$3.60	\$2.26	\$0.96	<b>\$6.82</b>
Alaska	5.79	3.64	1.56	<b>10.99</b>
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	4.20	2.64	1.13	<b>7.97</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-2020-07-22/pdf/2020-15764.pdf>

**Civil Rights Statement**

The State will continue to comply with civil rights requirements, to include providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient.

**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.

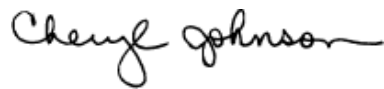
DCF confirms that the state will mirror the SY 20-21 School and Child Care plan related to EBT issuance, public service campaign, dispute resolution, and serving marginalized communities.

**Reminder**

If the State needs to make any significant changes to its Summer 2021 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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 Signature  
**Laura Howard, Secretary Department for Children and Families**

  
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 Signature



**Cheryl Johnson, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness, KSDE**

**Date of Request:** June 25, 2021

