

SNAP COVID Adjustment Request and Transition Plan Summary

State Agency and Region:

LA DCFS, SWRO

What Adjustment(s) is the State Requesting (*e.g. core verification and interview adjustment*)

Use periodic report flexibilities in October, November and December 2020 to recertify households that have not had their certification periods previously extended through other adjustments.

Demonstrated Need for Extension of the Adjustment

Based on data from 2019, we have an increase of over 280% in redeterminations for the months of October, November, and December. In 2020, we have 46,446 redeterminations due in October compared to 19,292 redeterminations in 2019 (241% increase from 2019); 46,327 due in November compared to 16,417 due in November (282% increase from 2019); and 52,183 due in December compared to 18,785 due in December (278% increase from 2019).

How Does the State Plan to Transition to the New Normal?

This request would allow Louisiana to redistribute cases more evenly over twelve months. There are currently more than double the “normal” number of redeterminations due in October, November, and December 2020 and very few redeterminations due in April, May, and June 2021.

Regional Recommendation: The Region recommends approval to allow LA to utilize periodic report flexibilities in October, November and December 2020 to recertify households that have not had their certification periods previously extended through other adjustments. This recommendation is based on the increase in recertification application for the months of Oct, Nov and Dec as indicated above. LA reported an increase of over 280% in redeterminations for the months of October, November, and December as compared to data from 2019. Additionally, this will allow LA to transition more smoothly into post-COVID “new normal” processing. See attached Waiver Request for more details.