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RE: SNAP – Michigan Request to Suspend All Reporting Requirements Due to
COVID-19 – Denial

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

This letter transmits the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) denial of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) request to adjust Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(5) by suspending all reporting requirements until the next recertification.

As you may be aware, pursuant to section 2302(a)(2) of the FFCRA (P.L. 116-127), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) may issue adjustments for SNAP flexibilities to States upon request. The FFCRA provided USDA discretion in approving adjustment requests, and USDA has taken into consideration the factors outlined in FFCRA when evaluating requests. On March 23, 2020, FNS approved an adjustment allowing MDHHS to extend certification periods and adjust periodic reporting requirements. FNS has determined that total suspension of reporting requirements would not be appropriate at this time, particularly given the significant changes many households are experiencing at this time, and given that the State has taken the option to adjust periodic report requirements.

The State may wish to consider requesting or using other adjustments that are allowable under the FFCRA. FNS guidance for States in response to COVID-19 is available at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>. Requests, approvals, and denials for waivers and adjustments will also be posted to this webpage.

FNS is ready to provide technical assistance to State agencies as they seek to maintain operations and serve clients during the current Public Health Emergency. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your respective Regional Office representative.

Sincerely,

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