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SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of the Missouri's Summer Plan Amendment

TO: Cheryl Kennedy
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Missouri's plan to operate P-EBT for summer 2021 on August 13.

Missouri proposes to amend its summer 2021 P-EBT plan to issue benefits to children who were previously determined eligible for benefits but did not receive them. Under Missouri's approved plan, households had to submit an application to provide demographic information to the State to support the creation of EBT cards. Not all households provided information before deadline for benefit issuance. The State proposes to reopen the deadline for households to submit that information for a two week period beginning September 27.

FNS approves Missouri's P-EBT plan amendment. Missouri estimated that it will issue \$108.4 million to approximately 289,000 school children, and \$56.3 million to approximately 150,000 SNAP-enrolled children in child care during the 2021 covered summer period. This amendment is not expected to increase the earlier estimates of number of eligible children or the amount of benefits estimated to be issued.

The State agency must notify the FNS Regional Office immediately if it is preparing to issue an amount different than the estimate in this plan.

FNS reminds Missouri of the importance of accurate reporting of P-EBT benefits on forms FNS-292B, FNS-46, and FNS-388. Please refer to FNS's [April 27 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
Administrator