Food and Nutrition Service

1320 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314 September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)

Approval of Nebraska's State Plan Amendment

TO: Cheryl Kennedy

Regional Administrator

Mountain Plains Regional Office

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 declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, USDA's 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 Nebraska's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2019-2020 on June 16.

On September 11, Nebraska submitted an amendment to operate P-EBT in school year 2020-2021 through the September 30 expiration of the program.

FNS approves Nebraska's P-EBT plan amendment. The State estimates that it will issue \$945,000 in P-EBT benefits for the start of school year 2020-2021 through September to 8,900 children. The State agency must notify the FNS Regional Office immediately if it is preparing to issue an amount for the start of school year 2020-2021 different than the estimate in this plan.

Nebraska understands that the State must issue all P-EBT benefits by September 30.

FNS reminds Nebraska of the importance of accurate reporting of P-EBT benefits on forms FNS-292B, FNS-46, and FNS-388. Please refer to FNS's <u>April 27 memo on P-EBT reporting</u>, and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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