

Food and Nutrition Service	August 19,	2021
1320 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314	SUBJECT	Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT) Approval of Nevada's State Plan for Children in Schools and Child Care Amendment
	TO:	Jesus Mendoza, Jr. Regional Administrator Western Regional Office

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127; the Act) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L 116-159) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children without access to meals in school and to certain SNAP-enrolled children in child care during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Nevada's plan to operate P-EBT for children in schools and child care for school year 2020-2021 on April 28.

Nevada proposes the following changes to its school year 2020-2021 plan:

- **Modified benefit issuance schedule.** The State's approved plan proposed three issuances in June, July, and August. The proposed amendment would delay those to September, October, and November.
- Delayed collection of data from school districts. Nevada will delay its collection of school operating schedule information from school districts. That information, which determines monthly benefit levels for school children and children in child care, will be collected in July rather than May as originally planned.
- **Clarification of language describing child care benefit levels.** The State clarifies that it will set child care benefits in each month to the P-EBT school benefit received by children in the county whose school is issuing the greatest P-EBT benefit to its school children in that month. (This is just a clarification, not a change in the terms of the State's approved plan.)
- Introduction of customer service webpage. Nevada has set a September 11 go-live date for its "Check My Benefit" webpage.

FNS approves Nevada's amendment. The amended plan does not impact the number of eligible children or the estimated value of benefits.

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

FNS reminds Nevada 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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