

**Amendment to Approved State Plan for Pandemic EBT  
Children in School and/or Child Care, Summer 2021**

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<b>Summary:</b>	(1) This document is a template to assist States in the development of an amendment to extend their approved State plan to operate Pandemic EBT for school children and for children in child care during summer 2021. (2) This document relates to Section 1106 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (P.L. 117-2)
<b>Disclaimer:</b>	The contents of this guidance document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

***Additional context and background for this document can be found at:***  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-guidance-coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt>

*The submission of a P-EBT state plan, associated template and related reporting obligations are addressed in OMB# 0584-0660. This emergency information collection (IC) will be replaced by a full IC package to be submitted to OMB for approval prior to its expiration date of 8/31/21. All components of this summer 2021 P-EBT package will be addressed in the full IC package.*

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1. **State:** Nevada
2. **Primary Citation:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
3. **Here's what FNS needs from you:**
  - a. If a State chooses to elect the U.S. standard benefit<sup>1</sup>, simply check the box below. Next, go to letter 'c' (*Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits*) of the template.

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<i>By checking this box, we are indicating that our State will use the U.S. standard benefit for the covered summer period.</i>
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- b. If a State chooses not to elect the U.S. standard benefit, FNS needs the following information:
  - The number of days for which benefits will be issued as part of the State's covered summer period; and
  - An explanation for how the State arrived at the number of days in the State's covered summer period. USDA will not approve a plan that does not tie the length of its covered summer period to the actual summer 2021 calendars of an enrollment-weighted average, or the median, of a representative sample of its school districts.

**Response:** [please use as much space as needed]

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. standard benefit – as defined in Question #5 of FNS' Q&A document titled, "Summer P-EBT Q&A" – is equal to the median number of weekdays in the sampled school districts multiplied by the daily P-EBT rate. For States in the continental U.S., that works out to a fixed summer benefit of \$375 per eligible child (55 days at \$6.82 per day). The U.S. standard benefit is higher for Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories; see Q/A #14 for a complete set of standard benefit amounts.

- c. Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the State will issue within this amendment's date range. (Consult the appropriate table in Section 4, "Benefit Levels.")
- Estimated amount issued to school children \$126,701,625 (337,871 children multiplied by the fixed summer benefit of \$375)
  - Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care \$21,987,750 (58,634 children multiplied by the fixed summer benefit of \$375)
- d. Estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits.
- Estimated number of school children 337,871
  - Estimated number of non-school children in child care 58,634
- e. Tentative P-EBT issuance schedule (the dates on which Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued). Note that USDA encourages States to distribute summer benefits in two or even three issuances across the summer, to the extent practical.
- School children - For children on an active SNAP and or TANF case, the Summer P-EBT benefits will be deposited on the household's existing EBT card. For children not on an active SNAP and or TANF case and received a P-EBT benefit in SY2020/21, benefits will be deposited on the SY2020/21 P-EBT card. For children who were enrolled in the NSLP FRL program in the last month of the SY2020/21 and did not receive a P-EBT benefit because their school offered full in person learning the entire school year, benefits will be issued a new P-EBT card by the EBT processor. Benefits will be issued December 14-23, 2021.
  - Childcare age children - Benefits will be issued to the their household's existing EBT card. Benefits will be issued December 14-23, 2021.
- f. Describe how the State will identify eligible school children and children in child care for summer P-EBT. You must address each of the following bulleted items, below, when responding.

**For school-aged children:**

- Describe how the State will identify school children who received P-EBT benefits during the last month of SY 20-21.
- Describe how the State will identify school children who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the NSLP and SBP in SY 20-21 but did not receive P-EBT benefits in the last month of the school year because they attended school in-person and benefitted from a free or reduced price meal service at school. This includes children who were eligible for F/RP meals during the school year and did not receive P-EBT benefits because the children attended school in-person during the school year.
- Describe how the State will identify children who are determined newly eligible

for free or reduced price school meals during the covered summer period. States must provide an opportunity for families to apply for free or reduced price meals using the normal application process. States and SFAs should consider maintaining a minimum presence to process Free and Reduced Price Meal applications, perhaps on a part-time or weekly basis. Another alternative is for SFAs to accept new Free and Reduced Price Meal applications during the summer but only process them after the start of the new school year. Children determined eligible on applications *submitted prior to the end of the summer* could then be issued P-EBT benefits retroactively after the start of the new school year. (Note that it is preferable to process applications and issue benefits during the summer period that the benefits are intended to cover).

**For children in child care:**

- Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year.
- Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who would have received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year, but did not receive benefits because their child care facility was not closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month, and neither their child care facility nor the child’s residence was in the area of a school that was closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month.
- Describe how the State will identify children who are part of a SNAP household who are newly eligible for P-EBT child care benefits during the covered summer period

**Response:** [please use as much space as needed]

The State of Nevada will use the amended SY2020-21 P-EBT plan approved by FNS on 8/19/2021, as a basis for the Summer P-EBT Plan.

**For School-Aged Children**

Response to Bullet 1 - The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the agency that administers the SNAP program, will utilize the SY2020-21 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) data provided by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and the monthly mode of learning data provided the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) for the 640 NSLP schools sites. As the State of Nevada did not issue P-EBT for the SY2020-21 until after the school year ended, the data on which students were eligible for P-EBT during the last month of SY 2020-21 is up to date.

Response to Bullet 2 - The data provided by NDE and NDA was validated on August 25, 2021. The NSLP data received from NDE includes; students who graduated at the end of SY 2020/21, CEP and Provision schools, Direct Certification students, foster, migrant and homeless students. NDA provided reports on the monthly mode of learning for all 640 NSLP school sites.

Response to Bullet 3 - The State of Nevada received the NSLP validated data on August 25, 2021. The data included newly eligible students for the covered summer period.

**For Childcare -Aged Children**

Response to Bullet 1 - DWSS has queried the SNAP eligibility database and has identified all childcare age children (0-6) through the end of SY 2020/21. Children who received a SNAP benefit in the last month of SY 2020/21 will be deemed eligible for Summer P-EBT, regardless of the mode of learning offered by the school in their residential area.

Response to Bullet 2 - DWSS will utilize the data from the SY2020/21 P-EBT issuance for the last month of the school year and compare that data with the childcare age children who received SNAP in the last month of the school year and would have received P-EBT in the last month, but didn't because the school closest to the child's residence was not closed or operating under a hybrid mode of learning. In order to be deemed eligible for Summer P-EBT, these children must have continued to be enrolled in SNAP during the summer period (receiving SNAP at least one month between June 2021 and August 2021).

Response to Bullet 3 - DWSS has queried the SNAP eligibility database and has identified all newly eligible SNAP childcare age children (0-6) during the covered summer period. That data was matched against the NDE NLSP FRL data to ensure childcare age children do not receive a duplicate Summer P-EBT benefit.

#### 4. Benefit Levels

##### A. U.S. standard Benefit

2021 Covered Summer Period	U.S. Standard P-EBT Benefit		
	Median Length of Covered Summer Period (weekdays)	Daily P-EBT Rate	Standard Benefit
Contiguous U.S.	55	\$6.82	<b>\$375</b>
Alaska	55	10.99	<b>604</b>
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	55	7.97	<b>438</b>

##### B. State-Determined Benefit, Based on Daily Rate

Note: The daily benefit amount – \$6.82 – is only needed if a State elects to set its own covered summer period length; that is to say, if a State declines to use the U.S. standard benefit.

2021 Covered Summer Period	Free Reimbursements			
	Lunch	Breakfast	Snack	Daily Total
Contiguous U.S.	\$3.60	\$2.26	\$0.96	<b>\$6.82</b>
Alaska	5.79	3.64	1.56	<b>10.99</b>
Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	4.20	2.64	1.13	<b>7.97</b>

**Notes:**

1. Lunch rates include the 7 cent performance-based reimbursement and the extra 2 cents per meal received by school food authorities in which 60 percent or more of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.
2. Breakfast rates are those received by "severe need" schools.
3. Snack rates are those for afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs

Source: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-22/pdf/2020-15764.pdf>

**Civil Rights Statement**

The State will continue to comply with civil rights requirements, to include providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient.

**Administration of State P-EBT Plan**

The State will administer P-EBT according to the terms of its approved State plan. In general, conditions related to benefit issuance reporting, administrative funding, and release of information remain in effect for the covered summer period. If the State wishes to change any of the terms of its plan, the State shall first notify USDA and will, if requested by USDA, submit a plan amendment for USDA review and approval.

**Reminder**

If the State needs to make any significant changes to its Summer 2021 plan after approval, the State needs to submit an amendment to FNS that describes the change and its impact on operating summer P-EBT. USDA will review the amendment and approve allowable amendments.

**Signatures and Titles of Requesting SNAP and Child Nutrition State Agency Officials:**



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**Date of Request: 09/17/2021**