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

Dear Ms. Miles:

This letter transmits the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) denial of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) request to adjust Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(5)(v) through (vi) by suspending the requirement for simplified reporters to report when gross income exceeds the monthly gross income limit for its household size, and by suspending State agency action on changes reported outside of the periodic report.

As you may be aware, pursuant to section 2302(a)(2) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (P.L. 116-127), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) may issue adjustments for SNAP flexibilities to States upon request. These adjustments are limited to issuance methods and application and reporting requirements under the Food and Nutrition Act. FNS has determined that suspension of households' responsibility to report exceeding the monthly gross income limit and the State agency's responsibility to act on reported changes 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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