

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

1. **State:** District of Columbia

2. **Primary Citations:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

3. **Here’s what FNS needs from you: [Executive Summary:]**

a. If a State chooses to elect the U.S. standard benefit¹, simply check the box below. Next, go to letter ‘c’ (*Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits*) of the template.



By checking this box, we are indicating that our State will use the U.S. standard benefit for the covered summer period.

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]

The District of Columbia selects option A.

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.”)

The estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the State will issue is \$31,875,000 from **June 25, 2021 to August 27, 2021.**

	Active SNAP			Non-SNAP School	Projected Schools Total	Projected Total
	School	Child Care	Sub-Total			
Eligible Children	40,150	12,000	52,150	32,850	73,000	85,000
# of Households	23,618	7,059	30,677	27,375		
Daily Rate X 55 Days	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00		
Total Projected Benefits	\$ 15,056,250.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 19,556,250.00	\$ 12,318,750.00	\$ 27,375,000.00	\$ 31,875,000.00

- Estimated amount issued to school children: **\$27,375,000**
- Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child care: **\$4,500,000**

- The estimated amount issued to school children in SNAP households is **\$19,556,250**
- The estimated amount issued to school children in non-SNAP households is **\$12,318,750**

d. Estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits.

The estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits is

- Estimated number of school children **73,000**
- Estimated number of non-school children in child care **12,000**
- The estimated number of school children in SNAP households is **40,150**
- The estimated number of school children in non-SNAP households is **32,850**

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 in SNAP households: **August 25, 2021**
- School children in non-SNAP households: **August 30, 2021**
- Children in child care: **August 25, 2021**
- All children who became eligible after June 25, 2021: **September 30, 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:

1. Describe how the State will identify school children who received P-EBT benefits during the last month of SY 20-21.
2. 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.
3. 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).

Response: [please use as much space as needed]

1. The District will use the last month of the current school year eligibility (SY20-21) to determine student eligibility during the summer months and will retain a list of all children enrolled in school as of June 2021.
2. The District will identify school children who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the NSLP and SBP in SY 20-21 by simply reviewing the last month of available student data and deeming all schools as operating in virtual status, rather than filtering out students attending a school in hybrid status. The District did not have any schools that became ineligible due to a full re-opening during the school year.
3. To issue benefits for children who became eligible over the summer, the District will run an additional eligibility match in the Student Information System (SIS) in the month of September. The summer period will be defined as children who are approved for FARM between June 25, 2021 and August 29, 2021. All students approved prior to June 25, 2021 will be eligible for the previous school year. The last day of the 20-21 SY is June 24, 2021.

The SIS is updated at the beginning of the school year and will contain newly-approved FARM applications submitted over the summer. A strict deadline will be communicated with LEA leaders so they have an understanding that FARM applications must be approved and updated in the SIS before September 10, 2021 and parents must have applied before August 30, 2021 (the first day of the new SY) to enable DHS to issue P-EBT benefits to students who became eligible over the summer. In this way, the District will be able to issue summer P-EBT benefits to all newly eligible students before the end of September.

For children in child care:

1. Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year.
2. 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.

3. 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]

1. The District will identify all SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year by retaining lists of children under 6 a part of SNAP households and those issued benefits for June of 2021, then matching the list against current SNAP participants.
2. The District did not have any child care centers that became ineligible during SY 20-21 due to a full re-opening. No children in childcare centers will have received reduced benefits or lost benefits during the last month of the school year, so the same list of students can be used for summer P-EBT.
3. At the end of the summer period, the District will run an additional eligibility data match to capture SNAP families with children under the age of 6 on July 1, 2021 who became eligible during the summer period, that is July 1, 2021 through August 29, 2021. The District will issue the summer benefit to those families during the month of September.

The District's summer plan will remain the same as the 2020-2021 school year plan in all respects not discussed, including dispute resolution, public information campaigns, serving marginalized communities, and students assigned to non-public schools.

Signature and Title of Requesting SNAP and Child Nutrition State Agency Officials:

Anthea Seymour, Administrator, Economic Security Administration
July 23, 2021



Dr. Christina Grant, Acting State Superintendent of Education, Office of the State Superintendent of Education
July 23, 2021

