



Amendment to Puerto Rico State Plan Pandemic EBT Children in School and/or Child Care, Summer 2021



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO
ADMINISTRACIÓN DE DESARROLLO SOCIOECONÓMICO DE LA FAMILIA



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

1. State: **Puerto Rico**
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 , 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.

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

- 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
 - Estimated amount issued to non-school children in child-care
- d. Estimated total number of children to which the State will issue P-EBT benefits.
- Estimated number of school children
 - Estimated number of non-school children in child-care
- 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
 - Children in child-care
- 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).
-

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

RESPONSE: SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the State will issue within this amendment’s date range.

- Estimated amount issued to school children for the summer.

Puerto Rico will apply the US Standard P-EBT Benefit as stated in the table below.

2021 Covered Summer Period	US Standard P-EBT Benefit		
	Median Length of Covered Period (Weekdays)	Daily P-EBT Rate	Standard Benefit
Puerto Rico	55	\$7.97	\$438

The estimated amount of P-EBT benefits PR will be issuing under this amendment for school-aged children has been determined as follows: **340,000** estimated students (currently receiving/received P-EBT benefits) multiplied by **\$438.00**, totals **\$148,920,000.00**.



To identify **summer-PEBT eligible school-aged students**, ADSEF will refer to the list of all students that received P-EBT benefits during the last month of the school year 2021. Since, ALL public and private schools have been providing virtual classes until May (end of the school year) they will receive the full summer benefit.

In case of any **new eligible students**, they will have until **August 6th, 2021**, to **apply for these benefits through the PR-DOE’s NSLP eligibility and application process**. During the covered summer period, students would have to be certified by the PR-DOE in order to receive the P-EBT benefits. ADSEF will post all the details as part of the agency’s media outreach and communications campaign.

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

RESPONSE : CHILDREN in CHILD CARE

Estimated total amount of P-EBT benefits the State will issue within this amendment’s date range.

- Estimated amount issued to school children for the summer.

Puerto Rico will apply the US Standard P-EBT Benefit as stated in the table below.

2021 Covered Summer Period	US Standard P-EBT Benefit		
	Median Length of Covered Period (Weekdays)	Daily P-EBT Rate	Standard Benefit
Puerto Rico	55	\$7.97	\$438

The estimated amount of P-EBT benefits PR will be issuing under this amendment for children in child-care has been determined as follows: **73,366** estimated NAP household children in child-care multiplied by **\$438.00**, totals **\$32,134,308.00**.



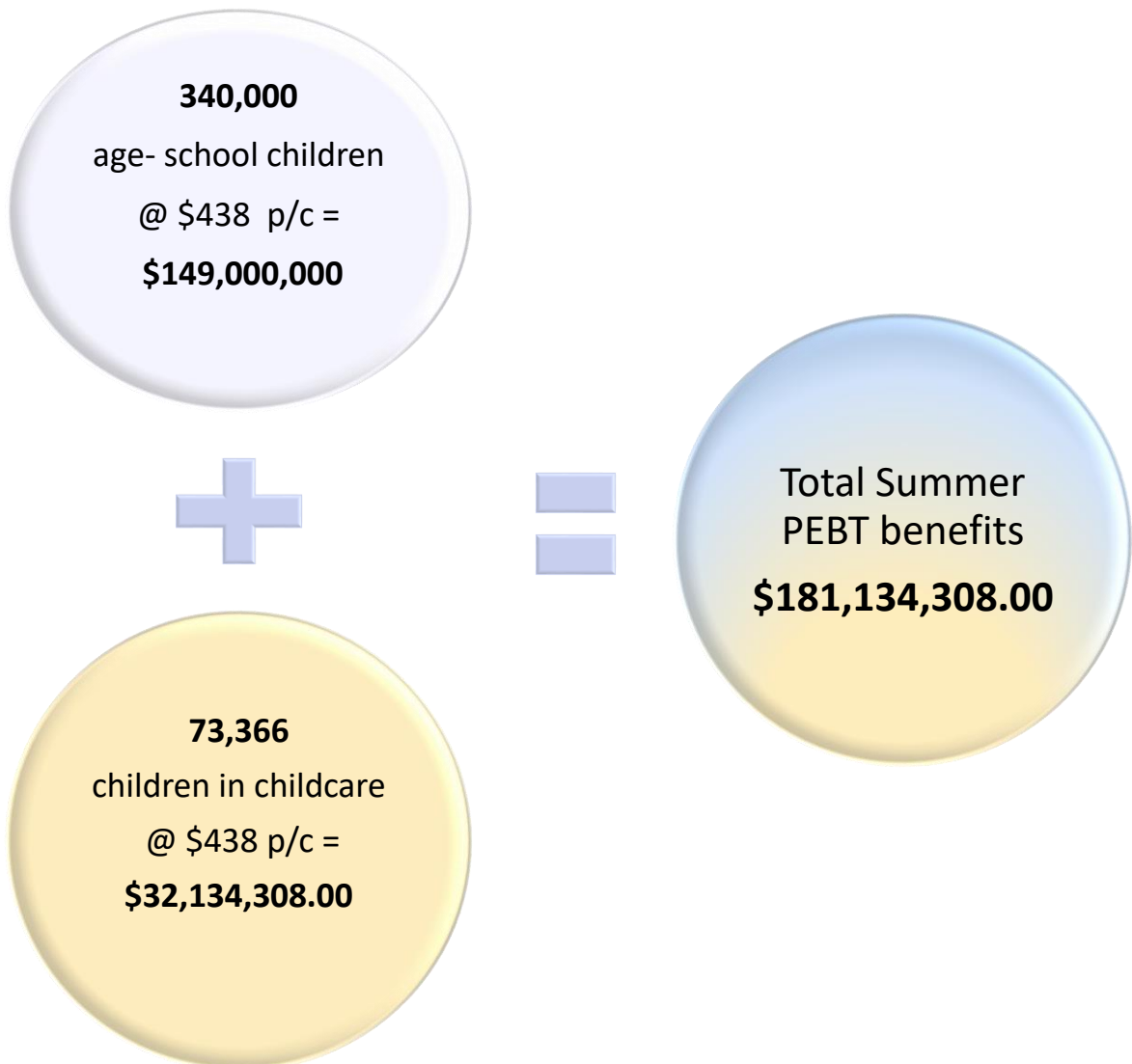
Eligibility

To qualify for summer child-care P-EBT benefits, children must be between 0 and 6 years old and live in a **NAP household**. The children’s residence zip code will be used to identify schools that have been closed for at least five (5) consecutive days. Only children that have **not received** benefits from the school-aged students’ summer PEBT benefits will be eligible. Children must be NAP-enrolled during the summer period or those whose **NAP enrollment begins or ends during the summer period** can receive the full summer benefit.

Since all public and private schools in Puerto Rico remain closed, and classes continue to be taught virtually, **all child-care NAP children are eligible** for the **maximum benefits level**.

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

Total of school aged children plus children in childcare is: \$181,134,308.00



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

Response cont.-

Puerto Rico's Tentative Summer P-EBT Issuance Schedule.

Due to the EBT's programming cost PR proposes to make a single issuance for the aged-school children and child-care summer PEBT benefits. Deposits will be made during the month of **July 2021** (see table below). **Issuances' days will be determined by the last digit of their social security number.** Refer to table below for tentative schedule.

One single issuance \$438.00	SS LAST DIGIT NUM.
July 4 th	0
July 6 th	1
July 8 th	2
July 10 th	3
July 12 th	4
July 14 th	5
July 16 th	6
July 18 th	7
July 20 th	8
July 22 nd	9

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

Administrative Budget

ADSEF will not request administrative funds under the PEBT children in school and child-care summer program.

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

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:

Signature

Print Name and Title

Signature

Print Name and Title

Date Requested