

STATE EMERGENCY ALLOTMENT REQUEST

1. **Type of Request:** Initial
2. **Primary Citation:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act
3. **State [specify]:** South Dakota

4. **Proposed Alternative Procedures:**

The State proposes to provide an emergency allotment to address temporary food needs to households to bring all households up to the maximum benefit due to pandemic related economic conditions for up to 2 months. Contingent upon the availability of funding and ongoing need, USDA may approve additional months of emergency issuance with an extension request from the State.

These households are eligible for temporary emergency allotments because:

- There is a public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and there is a State-wide emergency or disaster declaration (copy attached); and
- Due to Covid-19 [check all that apply]:
 - Residents of the State are confirmed to have contracted Covid-19
 - Some or all areas of the State are containment or quarantine zones
 - Businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours
 - The State's residents have experienced economic impacts due to job suspensions or losses
 - The State's residents have been directed to practice social distancing

Issuing Emergency Allotments to Current SNAP Households:

Supplemental emergency allotments would be issued in the following manner: The State will issue March emergency allotments in April and April emergency allotments will be issued in May. The reason for this issuance schedule is due to limitation of our eligibility system. Therefore, in April the emergency allotment recipients will reflect the caseload in March. Following this issuance, in May those who were eligible in April will be the recipients of the emergency allotments.

In April, 2020

- On a single date [specify]: April 24th
- Over a series of days as follows: _____
- Staggered as follows: _____
- Other [please explain]: _____

In subsequent months, emergency allotments should be provided in accordance with the State's regular issuance schedule. If a State wants to use a different schedule, explain:

The State has received concerns from retailers across the state about having sufficient supplies on hand just for the program normal issuance period. Therefore, the State requests to provide 2 separate issuance periods for the month of May. The first would occur on the 23rd and the final issuance would be on May 31st. The reason for this split in May is to ensure that all individuals eligible in April receive the emergency allotments they are entitled to.

The State may provide the emergency allotment(s) without contacting the household. While individual notification is not required, States should notify clients consistent with SNAP requirements for mass changes, including notice that emergency allotments will be issued for up to 2 months. Should this schedule change and additional months are approved during the public health emergency, the State will provide a subsequent mass change notice at that time.

Other Requirements: None

All emergency allotments will be delivered on the household's EBT card.

The State's SNAP agency also agrees to complete the FNS-292 on a timely basis in accordance with requirements as well as all other normally recurring SNAP reporting included the FNS 46 and 388 reports, on a timely basis in accordance with requirements.

In addition, The State agency will submit weekly reports to FNS with the following information for the entire State:

- The value of EA issued.
- The average issuance amount per household.
- The number of households issued EA

Justification for Request: Coronavirus COVID-19, as provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

5. Affected Caseload:

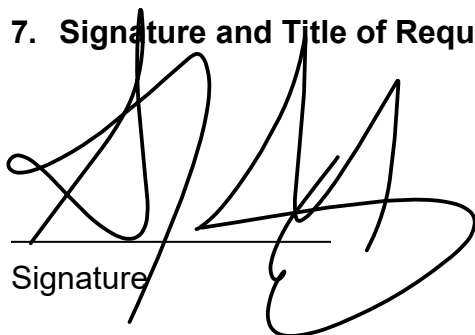
One month estimates for existing SNAP households under these procedures:

- Number of households receiving emergency allotments/benefits: 21,569
- Amount of emergency allotment benefits issued for one month: \$ 2,221,607
- Number of months requested (2 month limit) 2 months (March/April)

USDA reserves the right to withdraw or otherwise modify this approval subject to availability of funding

6. Anticipated Implementation Date: See above

7. Signature and Title of Requesting State Agency Official:



Signature

Alex J. Mayer, SNAP Program Administrator

Print Name and Title

8. Date of Request: April 8, 2020