

Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: Final Evaluation Report [X] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: FNS [] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Evaluation of SNAP Employment and Training (E &T) Pilots

Purpose of Review: Subject the information to formal, independent, external peer review to ensure its objectivity.

Type of Review: [X] Panel Review [] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 8/2021 End: 8/2021 Completed: 9/2021

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: _____

The areas of expertise needed: (1) program evaluation, evaluation design and outcome measurement; (2) practitioners with expertise in E &T programs and workforce systems; and (3) experts in SNAP and SNAP E and T policy.

Reviewers selected by: [] Agency [X] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name: Mathematica Policy Research

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: _____

When: _____

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

Other: _____



The technical working group (TWG) reviewed the draft report and participated in a 2-day meeting to provide feedback to the contractor. The TWG was tasked as follows:

1. Reviewers were requested to determine whether the analyses were appropriate for the longitudinal data collected for the final report.
2. Reviewers were charged with evaluating the appropriateness of the methods for the hypotheses being tested, the extent to which the conclusions follow from the analysis, and the strengths and limitations of the overall conclusions. They were requested to suggest ways to clarify assumptions, findings, and conclusions; and to identify any oversights, omissions, and inconsistencies in the analyses and interpretation of findings.

The contractor prepared a memo detailing how the TWG's feedback was addressed in the revised final report.