



Food and Nutrition
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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of Louisiana's State Plan Amendment**

**TO: Bill Ludwig
Regional Administrator
Southwest Regional Office**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (FFCRA or the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, 2020 the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced and began accepting State plans for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Louisiana's plan to operate P-EBT on May 15, 2020.

Consistent with the approved State plan, FNS is approving the State's amendment to add additional beneficiary children due to adjustment in the State's estimate of eligible children. This will increase the total number of beneficiaries from 611,430 to 732,204, and increase in the estimated issuance amount from \$174.3 million to \$208.7 million.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
Acting Associate Administrator
Regional Operations and Support