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SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Approval of Tennessee's State Plan Amendment,
School Year 2021-2022 (Schools and Child Care) and Summer 2022

TO: Willie Taylor
Regional Administrator
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127; the Act), as amended, authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children without access to meals in school and to certain SNAP-enrolled children in child care during the public health emergency originally declared in January 2020. The March 11, 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (the ARP, P.L. 117-2) extended P-EBT through the end of the public health emergency, a period that includes the summer months. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Tennessee's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2021-2022 on February 17, 2022, its plan to operate P-EBT for child care for school year 2021-2022 on June 17, and its plan to operate P-EBT in the summer of 2022 on August 24.

Tennessee proposes to amend its approved school year 2021-2022 plan to include a 90-day deadline for households to challenge an underpayment of benefits for school children and children in child care for school year 2021-2022 and the summer of 2022. The amendment would also impose a deadline of January 6, 2023 for households to appeal any prior year underpayment of P-EBT benefits. Previously, Tennessee had not specified a deadline for households to appeal their benefit amounts.

FNS approves Tennessee's P-EBT plan amendment to set a 90-day deadline for administrative appeals of school year 2021-2022 and summer 2022 benefits, and to set a January 6, 2023 deadline for administrative appeals of all prior year P-EBT underpayments.

FNS reminds Tennessee of the importance of accurate reporting of P-EBT benefits on forms FNS-292B, FNS-46, and FNS-388. Please refer to FNS's [April 27, 2020 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Long
Administrator