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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)  
Approval of Tennessee's State Plan for School Children  
Amendment**

**TO: Willie Taylor  
Regional Administrator  
Southeast Regional Office**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved Tennessee's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2019-2020 on May 19. FNS approved Tennessee's amendment to operate P-EBT through September 30 of the 2020-2021 school year on September 3, 2020, and FNS approved the State's plan to operate P-EBT for school children for the rest of school year 2020-2021 on January 28, 2021.

Tennessee proposes to amend its school year 2020-2021 plan to increase previously issued and remaining school year benefits by \$0.96 for each virtual learning day, as authorized by USDA in January. Tennessee also proposes to issue benefits to eligible children who were missed under its September 3 amendment.

FNS approves Tennessee's requested amendment in the following amounts:

- \$105.8 million to the 765,000 eligible children in the state's school year 2020-2021 plan to account for the additional \$0.96 per virtual learning day from October 2020 through June 2021,
- \$12.7 million for 368,000 children who received P-EBT benefits from the start of the current school year through September 30; these children will receive an additional \$0.96 per virtual learning day, and
- \$6.9 million to 100,000 children who were eligible for 10 days of P-EBT benefits that did not receive P-EBT benefits from the start of the current school year through September 30, 2020.

The State agency must notify the FNS Regional Office immediately if it is preparing to issue an amount different than the estimate in this plan. 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 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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