



Food and Nutrition
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RE: SNAP – West Virginia Request to Suspend the Work Registration
Requirement Due to COVID-19 – Denial

Dear Ms. Watts:

This letter transmits the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) denial of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) request to suspend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work registration requirement at 7 CFR 273.7(a)(1)(i).

As you may be aware, pursuant to section 2302(a)(2) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (P.L. 116-127), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) may issue adjustments for SNAP flexibilities to States upon request. These adjustments are limited to issuance methods and application and reporting requirements under the Food and Nutrition Act. FNS has determined that suspending the work registration requirement would not be appropriate at this time.

The State may wish to consider requesting or using other adjustments that are allowable under the FFCRA. FNS guidance for States in response to COVID-19 is available at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>. Requests, approvals, and denials for waivers and adjustments will also be posted to this webpage.

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FNS is ready to provide technical assistance to State agencies as they seek to maintain operations and serve clients during the current Public Health Emergency. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your respective Regional Office representative.

Sincerely,

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