



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

January 23, 2026

Michelle Barnes, Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Human Services  
1575 Sherman St.  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Executive Director Barnes:

On January 7, 2026, the Colorado Department of Human Services requested to modify the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver implementation date from March 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves this modification request. As expressed in the State agency's request letter, this modification is intended to provide necessary additional time for the State agency to engage in preparatory activities with SNAP-authorized retailers, especially those located in rural areas. In addition, it will allow the State agency more time to thoroughly communicate the upcoming changes to SNAP households. Postponing implementation to April 30, 2026, will prevent inconsistent implementation amongst retailers and ensure more thorough client communication and readiness, both of which will provide a stronger foundation for success.

This approval is for 2 years, from April 30, 2026, through April 29, 2028. FNS provides an adjusted project reporting schedule in the enclosure. All other terms and conditions of FNS's August 4, 2025, approval remain in effect.

FNS applauds Colorado and its SNAP team for the significant efforts you have made towards implementation of your SNAP Food Restriction pilot thus far. We look forward to continuing to support your efforts to successfully implement this innovative and impactful project on April 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Penn  
Deputy Under Secretary  
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Enclosure

**Colorado Project Reporting Schedule**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Range Covered</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Year 1, Quarter 1	April 30, 2026 — July 29, 2026	September 12, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 2	July 30, 2026 — October 28, 2026	December 12, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 3	October 29, 2026 — January 27, 2027	March 13, 2027
Year 1, Quarter 4	January 28, 2027 — April 28, 2027	June 12, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 1	April 29, 2027 — July 28, 2027	September 11, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 2	July 29, 2027 — October 27, 2027	December 11, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 3	October 28, 2027 — January 26, 2028	March 11, 2028
Year 2, Quarter 4	January 27, 2028 — April 26, 2028	June 10, 2028
Extension Request	Submitted by October 29, 2027	