



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

May 11, 2026

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

Dear Executive Director Barnes:

On April 14, 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 April 30, 2026, to October 30, 2026.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves this modification request. As expressed in the State agency's request letter, CO has requested to modify its implementation date to allow additional time for the Colorado State Board of Human Services to deliberate and to complete ongoing State rulemaking.

This approval is for 2 years, from October 30, 2026, through October 29, 2028. FNS provides an adjusted project reporting schedule in the enclosure. All other terms and conditions, as outlined in 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 October 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick A. Penn", written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

PATRICK A. PENN  
Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service  
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	October 30, 2026 — January 31, 2027	March 17, 2027
Year 1, Quarter 2	February 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027	June 14, 2027
Year 1, Quarter 3	May 1, 2027 – July 31, 2027	September 14, 2027
Year 1, Quarter 4	August 1, 2027 – October 31, 2027	December 15, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 1	November 1, 2027 – January 31, 2028	March 16, 2028
Year 2, Quarter 2	February 1, 2028 – April 30, 2028	June 14, 2028
Year 2, Quarter 3	May 1, 2028 – July 31, 2028	September 14, 2028
Year 2, Quarter 4	August 1, 2028 – October 31, 2028	December 15, 2028
Extension Request	Submitted by April 30, 2028	