



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

December 12, 2025

Taylor N. Hatch
Secretary
Florida Department of Children and Families
2415 North Monroe, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32303-4190

Re: SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver Modification Request

Dear Secretary Hatch:

On December 11, 2025, the Florida Department of Children and Families requested to modify the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver implementation date from January 1, 2026, to April 20, 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 to prepare for implementation. Postponing implementation to April 20, 2026, will prevent inconsistent implementation amongst retailers and provide a stronger foundation for success.

This approval is for 2 years, from April 20, 2026, through April 19, 2028. FNS provides an adjusted project reporting schedule in the enclosure. All other terms and conditions of FNS's August 4, 2025, approval remain applicable.

FNS applauds Florida and its SNAP team for the significant efforts you have made towards implementation of your SNAP Food Restriction Waiver thus far. We look forward to continuing to support your efforts to successfully implement this innovative and impactful project on April 20, 2026.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Patrick A. Penn", with a stylized, looping initial "P" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Enclosure

**FLORIDA SNAP FOOD RESTRICTION WAIVER DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT MODIFICATION TO REPORTING SCHEDULE**

Report	Date Range Covered	Due Date
Year 1, Quarter 1	April 20, 2026- July 19, 2026	September 2, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 2	July 20, 2026- October 18, 2026	December 2, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 3	October 19, 2026- January 17, 2027	March 3, 2027
Year 1, Quarter 4	January 18, 2027- April 18, 2027	June 2, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 1	April 19, 2027- July 18, 2027	September 1, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 2	July 19, 2027- October 17, 2027	December 1, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 3	October 18, 2027- January 16, 2028	March 1, 2028
Year 2, Quarter 4	January 17, 2028- April 16, 2028	May 31, 2028
Extension Request	Submitted by October 19, 2027	