



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

December 12, 2025

Alex J. Adams
Director
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
450 W. State Street
Boise, ID 83720

Re: SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver Modification Request

Dear Director Adams:

On September 4, 2025, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare requested to modify the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver implementation date from January 1, 2026, to February 15, 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 SNAP-authorized retailers to prepare for implementation. Postponing implementation to February 15, 2026, will prevent inconsistent implementation amongst retailers and provide a stronger foundation for success.

This approval is for 2 years, from February 15, 2026, through February 15, 2028. FNS provides an adjusted project reporting schedule in the enclosure. All other terms and conditions of FNS's June 10, 2025, approval remain applicable.

FNS applauds Idaho 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 February 15, 2026.

Sincerely,

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

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

Enclosure

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

Report	Date Range Covered	Due Date
Year 1, Quarter 1	February 15, 2026- May 16, 2026	June 30, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 2	May 17, 2026- August 15, 2026	September 29, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 3	August 16, 2026- November 14, 2026	December 29, 2026
Year 1, Quarter 4	November 15, 2026- February 13, 2027	March 30, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 1	February 14, 2027- May 15, 2027	June 29, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 2	May 16, 2027- August 14, 2027	September 28, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 3	August 15, 2027- November 13, 2027	December 28, 2027
Year 2, Quarter 4	November 14, 2027- February 14, 2028	March 31, 2028
Extension Request	Submitted by August 16, 2027	