



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

December 12, 2025

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health
628 N. 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver Modification Request

Dear Secretary Greenstein:

On December 4, 2025, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) requested to modify the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver implementation date from January 1, 2026, to February 18, 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 ensure accurate application of policy, prevent erroneous transactions, and support consistent communication to SNAP households and authorized retailers. FNS agrees that this modification will provide a stronger foundation for project success.

This approval is for 2 years, effective February 18, 2026, through February 17, 2028. FNS provides the modified restricted food definitions and the adjusted project reporting schedule in the enclosure. All other information, terms and conditions of FNS' August 4, 2025, waiver approval remain in effect.

FNS applauds Louisiana and its SNAP team for the significant efforts made towards the implementation of the state's 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 18, 2026.

Sincerely,

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

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

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