



Food and
Nutrition
Service

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DATE: December 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Update on Food and Nutrition Service Operations: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and USDA Foods in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
MARO, MPRO, MWRO,
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Directors
CSFP, TEFAP, and NSLP State
Agencies and Indian Tribal
Organizations (ITOs)
All Participating States and ITOs

The current continuing resolution for fiscal year 2019 (P.L. 115-298) expired on Friday, December 21, 2018 and Congress has not yet acted to provide further funding. A partial government shutdown has resulted from this lapse in appropriation.

For all USDA Foods programs, vendors are required to deliver any USDA Foods that were purchased prior to the lapse; therefore, you should expect to continue to receive food deliveries during the lapse.

Due to the lapse, additional administrative federal funds will not be provided for TEFAP and CSFP beginning December 22, 2018. However, a lapse of appropriations does not impact administrative funds for food distribution programs that have already been allocated to State agencies and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and must be used to operate these programs in accordance with Federal statute and regulations.

If an appropriations act is not passed when the previously allocated funds have been expended, State agencies and ITOs may choose to continue TEFAP and CSFP operations with the understanding that funding will not be provided without an appropriations act. Once federal funding becomes available, food distribution program costs incurred during this lapse may be eligible for federal reimbursement only to the extent that the programs were administered in accordance with Federal statute and regulations.

Please direct any questions regarding the lapse in funding to your Regional Office.

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