United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
Month-To-Month Contingent Approval to Continue Issuing Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotments (EA) Benefits under the Families
First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020

Section 2302(a)(1) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, allows
States to request COVID-19 EA “for households participating in the supplemental
nutrition assistance program… to address temporary food needs.” The State must
support its request with sufficient data, as determined through FNS guidance. A
household’s EA cannot increase the current monthly household SNAP benefit
allotment beyond “the applicable maximum monthly allotment for the household size.”
Accordingly, SNAP households that already receive the maximum monthly allotment
for their household size are not eligible for EA.

States that have already received FNS approval for EA issuance in March and
April, or April and May, are approved to continue issuing EA benefits each
month. This approval to extend these EAs will remain in place until such a time as
the Secretary for Health and Human Services rescinds the public health
emergency declaration that was issued on January 27, 2020, under section 319 of the
Public Health Service Act or the State-issued emergency or disaster declaration
expires.

This approval is contingent upon the State submitting the information below to the
FNS Region no sooner than the 15th of each month for the subsequent month and
awaiting FNS acknowledgement before sending the Emergency Allotment issuance
file(s) to their Electronic Benefits Transfer processor.

Prior to each month of EA issuance, the State shall provide the following
information to its FNS Regional SNAP contact(s), who will acknowledge receipt:

State/Territory: Alabama

1. [August] EA Issuance date(s):
   Due to system constraints, the August EA will be issued August 31, 2020.
   (Provide exact dates of planned EA issuance for the month or annotate above if
   the State will be providing EA benefits in accordance with the State’s regular
   issuance schedule.) All SNAP households eligible for the emergency
   allotment in August 2020 will be issued emergency allotment benefits
   through an overnight automated process on August 31, 2020.

2. [August] estimate of the number of households and estimated EA amount:
   Number of households receiving emergency allotment benefits: 238,078
   Amount of emergency allotment benefits issued for one month: $41,356,332
3. **Confirmation** that one or more of the following conditions exists due to COVID-19. (Check all that apply):
   - [x] Residents of the State are confirmed to have contracted COVID-19
   - [ ] Some or all areas of the State are containment or quarantine zones
   - [x] Businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours
   - [x] The State’s residents have experienced economic impacts due to job suspensions or losses

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- [x] The State’s residents have been directed to practice social distancing **And**
- [x] The State’s emergency or disaster declaration remains active.

All FNS requirements shall remain the same as listed in the initial State approval.

USDA reserves the right to withdraw or otherwise modify this approval subject to availability of funding.