

WAIVER REQUEST
SNAP Recertification

- 1. Type of Request:** Initial
- 2. Primary Regulation Citations:** 7 CFR 273.14
- 3. Secondary Regulation Citation:** 7 CFR 273.14(b)
- 4. State:** Arkansas
- 5. FNS Region:** Southwest
- 6. Regulatory Requirements:** No household may participate beyond the expiration of the certification period assigned without a determination of eligibility for a new period. The State agency must establish procedures for notifying households of expiration dates, providing application forms, scheduling interviews, and recertifying eligible households prior to the expiration of certification periods. Households must apply for recertification and comply with interview and verification requirements.
- 7. Proposed Alternative Procedures:** For all active SNAP households with recertifications due in March and April, Arkansas is requesting an extension of the certification period without interruption of benefits to May 31st. 2020.
- 8. Justification for Request:** This waiver is requested under provision of CFR 272.3(c)(1)(ii) which allows approval of waivers which result in a more effective and efficient administration of the SNAP. This proposal will allow the state to provide recipients continued benefits without the threat of interruption, and without putting themselves and their family at risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- 9. Anticipated Impact on Households:** This waiver will ensure current SNAP households will receive the benefits needed to continue to purchase healthy foods due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 10. Affected Caseload:**

Full caseload and all applicants.

11. Anticipated Implementation Date: The day after approval is received through May 2020.

12. Proposed Quality control Procedures: Quality Assurance will review these cases based on the waiver.

13. Signature and Title of Requesting Official:

_____ **Assistant Director** _____

14. Date of Request: 03/19/2020