

WAIVER REQUEST
SNAP Periodic Reports

- 1. Type of Request:** Initial
- 2. Primary Regulation Citations:** 7 CFR 273.12
- 3. Secondary Regulation Citation:** 7 CFR 273.12(a)(5)
- 4. State:** Arkansas
- 5. FNS Region:** Southwest
- 6. Regulatory Requirements:** Monthly, quarterly and simplified reporting households are required to report all changes specified in 7 CFR 273.12.
- 7. Proposed Alternative Procedures:** For all active SNAP households Arkansas is requesting that all SNAP cases remain open for individuals who have submitted their periodic report to the state agency for processing. The State Agency is requesting that these SNAP cases remain open without an interruption of benefits until May 31, 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 the 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; all participants
- 11. Anticipated Implementation Date:** The day after the waiver has been approved.

12. Proposed Quality control Procedures: The proposal does not affect quality control sampling or procedures. Quality Assurance will review these cases according to this waiver.

13. Signature and Title of Requesting Official:

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14. Date of Request: 03/19/2020