

Libby and team,

Thank you to you and your team for discussing the State of Alaska's P-EBT program, specifically our Spring 2020 issuances. As you know we faced many challenges in getting information about the program out to our non-SNAP and non-TANF families. In order to issue benefits to this population, our system requires certain demographic information to be collected in order to issue EBT cards. Based on our compressed timeframe we received reports that eligible children did not receive the request or could not get the form back to us. All of these children were eligible for the P-EBT benefit through their participation in the free or reduced price school lunch program and were on the list of eligible children supplied by our Department of Education & Early Development.

We believe our original plan accounts for these children, therefore we are formally requesting to extend the deadline to issue benefits for the Spring P-EBT so these eligible children. We will continue our outreach so that all of the eligible children can provide the demographic information needed to issue EBT cards. The families and guardians of these children were originally told that the program would close September 30, 2020 so we want to inform them that if they did not provide their information previously we can still work to issue those benefits that the children were eligible for. All children who were eligible for spring P-EBT, who were not issued benefits because the state ran out of time due to the original September 30 deadline will be issued as well.

Our total eligible student population for Spring 2020 was 74,849. Based on those numbers we estimate our total P-EBT expenditures would be \$34,355,691. We have issued \$21,506,110 in P-EBT benefits to date so we estimate we would be issuing approximately \$15,000,000 more in benefits for an additional 32,000 students for this group.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions around our request. Thank you for your time and assistance!

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