

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):**
2. **Type of request:** **Initial**
3. **Regulatory citation:** SNAP-Ed Plan Guidance Federal Fiscal Year 2020
4. **State:** **Guam**
5. **Region:** **Guam**
6. **Regulatory requirements:** Allowable staff and training costs include training and delivery of nutrition education and obesity prevention activities to the SNAP-Ed target audience (p. 82 of FY2020 Guidance). Allowable nutrition education and obesity prevention activities involving food distribution site support are limited to PSE approaches outlined on p. 139.
7. **Proposed alternative procedures:** To expand allowable nutrition education and obesity prevention activities to include SNAP-Ed staff assisting with food distribution activities for the SNAP-Ed target audience.
8. **Justification for request:** As a result of COVID-19, SNAP-Ed staff have restricted job duties in compliance with local laws and have reduced hours with limited at-home assignment to fulfill Guam's SNAP-Ed approved State Plan. However, SNAP-Ed partners responsible for food distribution continue to provide services to the SNAP-Ed target audience, including free- or reduced-school breakfast and lunch students, TEFAP participants, and older adults receiving home and congregate meals, and are seeking assistance from different community agencies. In order for SNAP-Ed staff to maintain budgeted regular working hours, they can assist with food distribution activities to continue to support adequate nutrition and food security of SNAP-Ed target audiences with appropriate safety protocols in place.
9. **Caseload information, including percent of caseload and description of population expected to be affected by this waiver:** This waiver will allow SNAP-Ed staff to assist approximately 20,327 school-age children (and their families) eligible for free- or reduced-school breakfast and lunch students, TEFAP participants, and older adults receiving home and congregate meals, and are and 3,446 older adults (and their families) receiving TEFAP or congregate home meals.
10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** Families will be more food secure maintaining access to food distribution sites with the support of SNAP-Ed, which will not interfere or interrupt state agency operations.
11. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed (please indicate if the waiver approval is needed to make system adjustments):**

Approval is needed and once received to go into effect immediately until social distancing requirements are removed and local authorities permit regular operations for all customer-service type businesses, e.g. education.

12. Proposed quality control review procedures: All procedures and regulations by federally-funded partner agencies will be adhered to.

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14. Date of request: April 1, 2020

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