

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** NA
2. **Type of request:** Initial
3. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.13
4. **State:** Michigan
5. **Region:** MWRO
6. **Regulatory requirements:** Regulation at 7 CFR 273.13 provides that states must complete an adverse action to terminate a SNAP case when the individual is found to no longer be eligible.
7. **Description of alternative procedures:** The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) is requesting to waive all closing or benefit reduction adverse actions for through June 2020. The proposal will affect all active cases during this time period, due to the COVID 19 crisis. The exception to the waiver will be death notifications of single person households, which would close immediately.
8. **Justification for request:** This request is justified pursuant to 7 CFR 272.3(c)(1)(ii) which permits FNS to authorize waivers that result in a more effective and efficient administration of the program. The approval of the waiver would allow participants to remain active so that households can continue to receive SNAP benefits during the COVID 19 crisis.

On January 31, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern as well as Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Governor of Michigan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, declared a state of emergency of the entire state of Michigan on March 10, 2020, (Executive Order 2020-04) to protect the well-being of the citizens of Michigan from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. In addition to the state-declared state of emergency, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency over the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** This waiver will allow participants to continue receiving SNAP benefits during the COVID 19 pandemic. Reporting, processing and verification requirements will resume after the end of the waiver period. Changes reported during the reporting period that were not

