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Pete Ricketts, Governor

April 6, 2020

Dana Platin,
Regional Division Director
Food and Nutrition Service
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 903
Denver, CO 80204-3581

Dear Director Platin,

Nebraska is requesting to provide emergency allotments as authorized in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to SNAP households not currently receiving the maximum allotment. The emergency allotments will provide households with a supplement to raise their benefit up to the maximum allotment for their household size. Nebraska's plan is attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Weyer, SNAP Program Manager at Melissa.Weyer@Nebraska.gov or 402-429-1057.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley
Director of Children and Family Services
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Economic Assistance

CC: Karen Heng, Deputy Director of Eligibility Operations
Shannon Grotrian, Economic Assistance Programs Administrator II
Melissa Weyer, SNAP Program Manager II



Request to Provide Emergency Allotments (Supplements) to SNAP Households

1. **Type of Request:** Initial
2. **Primary Citation:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act
3. **State:** Nebraska

4. Proposed Alternative Procedures:

Nebraska DHHS proposes to provide an emergency allotment to address temporary food needs to households to bring all households up to the maximum benefit due to pandemic related economic conditions for the allotment months of March 2020 and April 2020.

These households are eligible for temporary emergency allotments because:

- There is a public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and there is a State-wide emergency (copy attached); and
- Due to Covid-19:

Residents of the State are confirmed to have contracted Covid-19
— Some or all areas of the State are containment or quarantine zones
 Businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours
 The State's residents have experienced economic impacts due to job suspensions or losses

The State's residents have been directed to practice social distancing

Issuing Emergency Allotments to Current SNAP Households:

Supplemental emergency allotments would be issued in the following manner:

For March, 2020

- On a single date: 04/10/2020
- This allotment is to cover households that received SNAP benefits in the month of March 2020.

For April, 2020

- On a single date: 05/06/2020
- This allotment is to cover household that received SNAP benefits in the month of April 2020.

Notification to Households

Prior to issuing emergency allotments to current SNAP households. Nebraska DHHS will provide a press release to be released to the public notifying current SNAP households about the emergency allotment.

The press release will notify households:

- That the emergency allotment is for two months
- The dates benefits will be issued
- That the benefit is a supplemental amount up to the maximum allotment per household size.
- That the benefits will be issued on their current EBT Card.

Other Requirements:

All emergency allotments will be delivered on the household's EBT card.

Nebraska DHHS agrees to complete the FNS-292 on a timely basis in accordance with requirements as well as all other normally recurring SNAP reporting including the FNS 46 and 388 reports, on a timely basis in accordance with requirements.

In addition, The State agency will submit weekly reports to FNS with the following information for the entire State:

- The value of EA issued.
- The average issuance amount per household.
- The number of households issued EA

Justification for Request: Coronavirus COVID-19, as provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

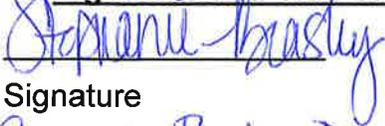
5. Affected Caseload:

One month estimates for existing SNAP households under these procedures:

- Number of households receiving emergency allotments/benefits: 46,862
- Amount of emergency allotment benefits issued for one month: \$ 8,646,530
- Number of months requested (2 month limit) 2 months

6. Anticipated Implementation Date: 04/10/2020

7. Signature and Title of Requesting State Agency Official:



Signature



Print Name and Title

8. Date of Request: April 6, 2020
