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**SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)  
Approval of New York's State Plan Amendment**

**TO: Kurt Messner  
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (FFCRA or the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, 2020 the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced and began accepting State plans for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approved the State of New York's plan to operate P-EBT on May 6, 2020.

On May 7, 2020, the State asked FNS to approve an amendment to its P-EBT plan. Specifically, the State asked to rectify the fact that it underestimated the number of children that are eligible to receive P-EBT, by approximately 400,000. This is the population of children attending Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools who have not been certified for participation in FRPMs, but are eligible for P-EBT benefits, by virtue of their attendance at a CEP school.

FNS approves the State's P-EBT plan amendment, to increase the estimated number of children that will receive benefits. This will increase the number of children receiving P-EBT benefits from 1.3 to 1.7 million, and increase the estimated issuance amount from \$717,100,000 to \$885,820,000.

Sincerely,

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