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

TO: Jesus Mendoza, Jr
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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 declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, USDA's 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 Oregon's plan to operate P-EBT for school year 2019-2020 on April 30.

On September 10, Oregon submitted an amendment to operate P-EBT in school year 2020-2021 through the September 30 expiration of the program.

FNS approves Oregon's P-EBT plan amendment. The State estimates that it will issue \$35.6 million in P-EBT benefits for the start of school year 2020-2021 through September 30 to 347,000 children. The State agency must notify the FNS Regional Office immediately if it is preparing to issue an amount for the start of school year 2020-2021 different than the estimate in this plan.

Oregon understands that it must issue P-EBT benefits to all of the eligible children identified in this plan. The State will use federal funds for benefits that it issues by September 30. The State will use non-federal funds for benefits that it issues after September 30.

FNS reminds Oregon of the importance of accurate reporting of P-EBT benefits on forms FNS-292B, FNS-46, and FNS-388. Please refer to FNS's [April 27 memo on P-EBT reporting](#), and do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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