

Ohio Requested S-EBT POM Waivers

FNS has completed review of the Ohio 2024 Plan for Operations and Management (POM). FNS has determined that Ohio must submit a request seeking waiver approval in order to administer the Summer EBT as planned. FNS has authority to waive regulatory provisions for Summer EBT, when certain conditions are met, consistent with Section 12(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(l). For more information on the process for requesting waivers, please refer to [SP 15-2018, CACFP 12-2018, SFSP 05-2018, Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol- Revised, May 24, 2018](#).

In order to review and determine if requested waiver(s) may be approved, FNS requires provision of the following information, which may be added as an attachment to Ohio 2024 POM.

Waiver(s) needed (check all regulatory provisions that apply):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.12(f)(1)	<i>Income applications.</i> The Summer EBT agency must notify (or place notification in the mail) eligible households of a child's approved status within 15 operational days of receipt of a complete application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.12(g)	<i>Denied applications and the notice of denial.</i> The Summer EBT agency must provide written notice to each household denied benefits within 15 operational days of receipt of a complete application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.13(f)	<i>Timely certifications.</i> Summer EBT agencies must follow-up with a household that submits an incomplete application within 10 operational days of receipt of the application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.14(a)(1)(ii)	<i>Verification for cause.</i> Any verification must be completed within 30 days of receipt of the application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.15(c)(1)(i)(A)	<i>Benefit issuance.</i> For children who can be streamline certified or who have an approved Summer EBT application on file, benefits must be issued and available for participants to use 7-14 calendar days before the start of the summer operational period.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.15(c)(1)(i)(B)	<i>Benefit issuance.</i> For eligible children who apply after the summer operational period begins, benefits must be issued and available to spend not later than 15 operational days after a complete application is received by the Summer EBT agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.15(g)(4)	<i>Providing replacement EBT cards or PINs.</i> Replacement EBT cards must be available for pick up or placed in the mail within 2 business days following notice by the household that the card was lost, stolen or damaged.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 CFR 292.26(a)(1)	<i>Hearing procedures for families and Summer EBT Agencies.</i> Fair hearing procedures established by the Summer EBT agency must allow a household to appeal within 90 days after the end of the summer operational period.

Describe the challenges the Summer EBT agency is seeking to solve with the requested waiver(s), including the goal of the requested waiver(s), the manner in which the requested waiver(s) will improve services in Summer EBT, and the expected outcomes if the waiver(s) are approved: **Summer 2024 will be challenging for timing of providing benefits as the state will not only be working through a new application process but will also be dependent on the card vendor who will be simultaneously issuing benefits and new cards to several other states at the same time. Ohio fully intends to distribute the majority of benefits in June which will be in the spirit of providing benefits for use during the summer period but will**

not be able to meet the specific deadlines of issuing benefits within the days noted for each requirement in all cases.

Describe steps the Summer EBT agency has taken to address barriers at the State level: We will issue benefits monthly in June, July, August and September for the newly eligible for each timeframe in the spirit of getting the benefits to recipients as quickly as possible and within the summer period.

Describe anticipated challenges the Summer EBT agency may face if the requested waivers are not approved: **If waivers are not approved the state will either be out of compliance with the timing of the issuances should we chose to proceed with S-EBT or the state will need to choose if it will continue with S-EBT.**

Describe the expected waiver implementation date and time period: **Immediately through September 30, 2024.**

Link to or provide a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver(s):

[Food and Nutrition Waivers | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)

X Check to affirm that the waiver(s) will not increase the overall cost of the Summer EBT Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds:

X Check to affirm that the Summer EBT agency will monitor and review implementation of the waiver(s) and report on implementation as part of their 2025 iPOM. Reporting will include: a description of whether the waiver(s) resulted in improved services to recipients/participants; a description of the impact of the waiver(s) on providing benefits to participants; and a description of how the waiver(s) reduced the quantity of paperwork necessary to administer the Program.