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Interim Policy & Procedure Memorandum

ISD IPP 20 – 08

TO: ISD Employees

FROM: Karmela Martinez, ISD Director 

RE: Amendment to IPP 20-08 SNAP Supplement Waiver

DATE: April 2, 2020

Amended April 24, 2020

UPDATE

This IPP provides interim policy and procedure for 8.139.610.12 NMAC. In an effort to delay and prevent community spread of COVID-19 SNAP recipients should be provided with a stocked food supply in order to practice social distancing. New Mexico has requested and been approved by FNS to provide an emergency allotment to address temporary food needs to households by bringing all households up to the maximum benefit due to pandemic related economic conditions. States that have already received FNS approval this supplemental issuance in March and April, or April and May, are approved to continue issuing full benefits each month.

On April 11, 2020, active SNAP households, who did not receive the maximum SNAP benefit for the months of March and April were issued the supplement. Those who applied after this issuance will receive the max benefit amount upon approval. This increase will also apply to those who received a prorated amount in March and those who had recoupments taken out of their benefit amount. This supplemental amount will be available April 12, 2020 on all active households EBT cards. An ISD 201, Notice of Case Action, will be sent to all households receiving the this increase.

UPDATE

On April 21, 2020 FNS approved New Mexico to continue the emergency allotments, these will be issued

to all SNAP households on their normal issuance date. All initial applications will receive the Emergency supplemental issuance upon approval of their regular SNAP benefits. This approval will remain in place until the Secretary for Health and Human Services rescinds the public health emergency declaration that was issued on January 27, 2020, under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act or the State-issued emergency or disaster declaration expires.

Please continue to educate our customers on these changes if they ask about the increase in benefits.

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