

# Examination of Cash Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) Benefits in Puerto Rico

Why do you want to talk to me?

We are conducting a study to better understand how Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) Family Card holders spend their benefits in food stores, and how easy or hard it is for retailers to become certified for NAP and to redeem Family Card benefits. We are talking with NAP participants, retailers, and community organizations across Puerto Rico.

Who is conducting the study?

Insight Policy Research, an independent research organization, is conducting the study under contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Office of Policy Support. FNS provides the funding for NAP.

Why should I participate?

Your input is very important and helps us understand NAP participants' experiences using the Family Card and retailers' views on the benefits and barriers of accepting the Family Card. We can only get that information from talking with people like you.

What about my NAP benefits or my retailer certification status? Will this affect those?

No. Your current and future benefits or retailer certification status will not be affected by your participation in this study. The information you provide is confidential. Your name will not be linked to anything you say and your participation will not be reported to the NAP office.

What kinds of questions will you ask?

We want to know how NAP participants shop with their Family Card, and how easy or hard it is for retailers to become certified to accept the Family Card.

What are you going to do with the information after the interview is over?

We will bring together the information from all of the people participating in this study to describe participants' experiences using NAP benefits and retailers' views on redeeming NAP benefits. The information you share will only be used in summary form when reporting results. Your name and the name of stores will be removed from your responses.

How do I know this is legitimate? How can I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about this study, or have questions, you can contact Carole Trippe at Insight Policy Research, who is responsible for collecting information for this study. You may leave a message at (786) 505-8949, and she will return your call shortly.

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