

Attachment I.4 FNS Letter of Support

Dear [State contact name],

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has recently begun a study to better understand the effectiveness of strategies to improve SNAP access for elderly individuals. Please see the attached study description for more detail regarding this Evaluation of Alternatives to Improve Elderly Access to SNAP.

FNS has contracted with Social Policy Research and its partner Mathematica Policy Research to conduct this research, and has identified 10 States including [State], that will help us better understand how the elderly interact with SNAP. [State] is being invited to participate in this very important study. Participating States will be asked to provide administrative data and participate in a three-day site visit during which the study team will interview administrators and staff from the SNAP agency, as well as community-based organizations that serve the elderly. The study team also will conduct interviews and focus groups with elderly individuals, and will use the administrative data provided by States to identify potential respondents.

Someone from the study team will be contacting you within the next week or so to discuss your participation. We encourage your participation in this important study and thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Kameron Burt at (703) 305-2572 or Kameron.burt@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

[FNS staff name]

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