

Attachment E.5: NASS Comments

Evaluation of Alternatives to Improve Elderly Access to SNAP

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General Comments:

This docket is well described and documented. Data collection procedure is well thought-out and designed to achieve the goals of the study.

Appendices

Nothing to note.

Part A: Final

Nothing to note.

Part B: Final

B1: Please describe the respondent universe for the different studies more clearly. Perhaps repeat the standard definition of elderly to clearly define the population. For the Study of State Interventions, it will be difficult to make inferences to the other states since they were not selected using statistical methods.

For the Study of Elderly Participant Perspectives, please explain why a convenience sample will be used rather than a probability sample. The sample was drawn randomly initially but then only those that scheduled interviews first were actually used. There could be inherent characteristics in those that responded first that could influence the results of the study.

B3: Is there a targeted response rate? How will the missing values of variables in the standardized file be treated? What are the new variables constructed from the raw data and how will that affect the data analysis?