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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Emergency Approval of New Information Collection for Pandemic EBT (Schools)

SNAP seeks emergency OMB approval of activities associated with administering P-EBT. While FNS sought a previous emergency information collection (IC) for P-EBT under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (OMB Control Number 0584-0652, expiration October 31, 2020), we did not prepare a full information collection for these activities; the Agency did not know whether we would receive an extension for P-EBT, and if so, under what authority we would receive that extension, in a reasonable time to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB prior to expiration of the emergency collection. Therefore, we are requesting this emergency IC while we prepare the full ICR for OMB review. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) because complying would delay the agency's ability to provide emergency nutrition assistance to families and children impacted by COVID-19. As such, we request expedited approval of this information collection.

Maureen Lydon, Chief of PRAO

Pamilyn Miller, Administrator