

Appendix N2

FNS response to NASS Comments

Evaluation of Child Support Cooperation Requirements in SNAP

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Dear Mr. Kilburg,

FNS will ensure that the States selected are willing to participate by involving FNS headquarters and regional offices and the Office of Child Support Enforcement in initial outreach efforts to the State SNAP agency and State child support agency. Federal staff will send initial emails (Appendices M1-M3) to State agencies and will be available to respond to States' questions and concerns by email and through initial phone conversations with the study team.

FNS and the study team are preparing to conduct data collection upon receipt of OMB approval. In initial conversations with State agencies, FNS and the study team will assess the feasibility and safety of conducting data collection as planned and may adapt some elements of the data collection as necessary in response to the public health crisis in concert with FNS and OMB.

In addition, FNS and the study team will work together with State agencies to sample individuals/household respondents for in-depth interviews. The study team will contact make multiple attempts to contact individuals/households that do not respond to initial telephone calls. In addition, the study team will attempt to make contact through multiple modes, including telephone calls and text messages, to ensure that individuals/households have more chances to respond in the way that is most convenient for them. These strategies aim to help the study team mitigate non-response bias in recruiting for in-depth interviews with individuals/households.

Sincerely,

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