Attachment A. Legal Authority Statutes and Regulations

SECTION 17 [7 U.S.C. 2026] LEGISLATION

Section 17 [7 U.S.C. 2026] (a) (1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides general legislative authority for the planned data collection. The section is included below.

7 U.S. Code § 2026. Research, demonstration, and evaluations.

(a) Contracts or grants; issuance of aggregate allotments

(1) The Secretary may enter into contracts with or make grants to public or private organizations or agencies under this section to undertake research that will help improve the administration and effectiveness of the supplemental nutrition assistance program in delivering nutrition-related benefits. The waiver authority of the Secretary under subsection (b) shall extend to all contracts and grants under this section.