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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefit Expungement and Off-Line Storage

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection associated with SNAP benefit storage and expungement provisions of the 2008 and 2018 Farm Bills. This collection is an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection. This collection is for providing SNAP households advance or concurrent notice of State agency action to store unused SNAP benefits offline due to three or more months of account inactivity and for those households to seek reinstatement of benefits prior to permanent expungement. This collection is also for providing SNAP households advance or concurrent notice prior to the State agency expunging unused SNAP benefits from the household's Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account due to nine months of account inactivity.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Erica Kain, Chief, Issuance Support Branch, Issuance Policy and Innovation Division, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or via email to SM.FN.SNAP.Issuance.Policy@usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Erica Kain at SM.FN.SNAP.Issuance.Policy@usda.gov or (312)-339-1939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: SNAP Benefit Storage and Expungement.

Form Number: Not applicable.

OMB Number: 0584-0673.

Expiration Date: 07/31/2025.

Type of Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: On August 24, 2020, the Department published the final rule, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: 2008 Farm Bill Provisions on Clarification of Split Issuance; Accrual of Benefits and Definition Changes" (85 FR 52025) to implement the mandatory SNAP benefit storage and expungement provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-243 (2008 Farm Bill). In the final rule, the Department also adopted as final the provisions in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115-334 (2018 Farm Bill), that mandated changes to the requirements governing the storage and expungement of unused benefits.

As a result, State agencies are required to provide a 30-day advance notice prior to permanently expunging unused SNAP benefits that remain in household's account nine months after issuance or after nine months of account inactivity. State agencies that opt to take unused benefits off-line after three months of SNAP EBT account inactivity must also provide up to 10 days advance or concurrent notice prior to taking such action and to reinstate benefits store off-line within 48 hours of a household's request if the benefits have not reached the expungement timeframe. Currently, FNS is not aware of any State agency exercising the option to store unused benefits off-line prior to expungement.

1. Expungement Notice

Affected Public: (a) Individuals/ Households and (b) State agencies: Respondent groups identified include: (1) 3,505,979 SNAP households (approximately 18 percent of all SNAP households nationwide) who do not access their benefits within nine months and (2) 53 State SNAP agencies.

a. Individuals/Households Annual Burden

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 3,505,797.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.17.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 4,101,782.

Estimated Annual Time per Response: 3 minutes or 0.05 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 205,089 hours.

b. State Agency Annual Burden

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 77,392.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 4,101,782.

Estimated Annual Time per Response: 30 seconds or 0.0083 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 34,045 hours.

c. Grand Total Annual Burden

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 3,505,850.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.33996434.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 8,203,564.00.

Estimated Annual Time per Response: 0.02915000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 239,134.

2. Off-Line Storage Notice

Affected Public: No members of the public are affected as FNS is not aware

of any State agency currently exercising the option to store benefits off-line.

3. Off-Line Benefit Reinstatement

Affected Public: No members of the public are affected as FNS is not aware

of any State agency exercising the option to move benefits off-line, thereby removing the need for reinstatement.

Respondent	Activity	Estimated annual number respondent	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response annually	Estimated annual total hours
Individual or Household SNAP Recipients	Expungement Notice	3,505,797	1.17	4,101,782	.05	205,089
	Off-line Storage Notice	0	0	0	0	0
	Off-line Benefit Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total of Individual/Household SNAP recipients.		3,505,797	1.17	4,101,782	.05	205,089
State Agencies	Expungement Notice	53	77,392	4,101,782	0.0083	34,045
	Off-line Storage Notice	0	0	0	0	0
	Off-line Benefit Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total of State Agencies		53	77,392	4,101,782	0.0083	34,045
Total Reporting Burden with both Affect Public.		3,505,850	2.33996434	8,203,564	0.02915000	239,134

Tameka Owens,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of virtual meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the Arkansas Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meetings via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to discuss post-report activity plans for their recently completed report regarding the *Right to Counsel in Arkansas*. This will be the final meeting of the current appointment term.

DATES: Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 2 p.m.–3 p.m. Central Time.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held via Zoom.

October 23rd Meeting:

- *Registration Link (Audio/Visual):* https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_GScAm45WRaEgDmHdJ03Z6w
- *Join by Phone (Audio Only):* 1-833-435-1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 161 447 1491#

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Wojnaroski, Designated Federal Officer, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 1-202-618-4158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested members of the public may attend. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make oral statements as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at these meetings. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email csanders@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to each meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-202-618-4158.

Records generated from these meetings may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs

Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after each meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Arkansas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at csanders@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Chair’s Comments
- Post-Report Discussion: Right to Counsel
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance of the end of the current Committee appointment term.

Dated: October 9, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public business meeting.