Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Waiver to Change the Deadline for Submission of the Interim Plan for Operations and Management (iPOM) of the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) Program

Summary

The Connecticut State Departments of Social Services (DSS) and Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to change the deadline for submitting the iPOM from August 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Waiver Request

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) is allowing states to submit a waiver request for submitting the S-EBT iPOM from August 15, 2024, to a later date. The Connecticut DSS and CSDE are requesting to align the deadline with the deadline for the Notice of Intent to Participate in S-EBT to review resources available to support the administration of S-EBT. Additionally, the agencies need time to assess the actual administrative costs of operating S-EBT in summer 2024 to ensure the most accurate cost projections possible.

This document is available in the "CSDE Waiver Requests to USDA" section of the CSDE's Current School Year Operational Updates for School Nutrition Programs webpage.

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