



April 14, 2026

Brooke L. Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Food and Energy Assistance Division, was approved for a demonstration waiver to modify the eligible foods under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), with an initial implementation date set for April 30, 2026.

CDHS delayed a third reading of the proposed Healthy Choice Waiver Rule to implement the demonstration waiver to the State Board of Human Services (SBHS) and suspended the planned implementation date of April 30 pending ongoing rulemaking. This intentional pause allows time to pursue a comprehensive policy package and to monitor evolving federal litigation.

This delay in rulemaking is purposeful and not a cancellation. Colorado proposes an amended implementation date of October 30, 2026. The state and CDHS remain committed to ensuring that public dollars support nutritious outcomes. CDHS is committed to enhancing access to healthy choices, helping improve health and quality of life for Coloradans.

Colorado deeply appreciates the continued partnership and support of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture as we work to enhance the nutritional impact of SNAP benefit spending while protecting access and stability for SNAP households across the state.

Sincerely,

/s/

Abby McClelland
Food and Energy Assistance Division Director

