



**State of Florida
Department of Children and Families**

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December 10, 2025

Mr. Eugene Malveaux, Director
United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
61 Forsyth Street, SW, Room 8T36
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3415

Subject: Florida SNAP Food Restriction Waiver Demonstration Project – Request to Amend Implementation Date

Dear Mr. Malveaux:

The Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) requests an amendment to the implementation date for the Florida Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver Demonstration Project to April 2026. Since the approval of the demonstration project, the Department has made significant progress in key areas, including stakeholder engagement, communication and retailer planning, and coordination with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) through a series of productive implementation meetings.

The amended implementation date will provide additional time for retailers to identify excluded products and complete point of sale updates and will allow for the pending guidance from FNS on the program monitoring and compliance to be received and effectively communicated to retailers.

Florida remains fully committed to the objectives of the Florida SNAP Food Restriction Waiver Demonstration Project and will implement in the adjusted timeframe of April, delivering on the importance to realign the SNAP program with its original intent, supporting access to nutritious foods for individuals in need. We appreciate your continued partnership and leadership regarding this important realignment and adjustment to the timeframe for implementation. If you have any questions, please contact Tera Bivens at (850) 528-2346 or Tera.Bivens@myflfamilies.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Royster".

Bridget Royster
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