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SUBJECT: Delay of Effective Date for Interim Final Rule SNAP: Eligibility, Certification, and Employment and Training Provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is putting a stay on the effective date of the interim final provisions in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Eligibility, Certification, and Employment and Training Provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 final rule. The effective date will be delayed for 120 days to October 5, 2017.

The interim final rule amended language at 7 CFR 273.11(e) and 273.11(f). These provisions increased requirements for group living arrangements and drug and alcohol treatment centers. Commenters expressed significant concerns that the changes were overly burdensome and did not provide enough flexibility for State agencies. FNS is putting a stay in the effective date of these changes in order to further review comments received and consider if additional changes to the amendments are needed. A notice of extension to the effective date will be published in the Federal Register.

FNS remains committed to providing technical assistance on SNAP policy and encourages States to continue to contact their regional counterparts with questions or concerns regarding the interim final rule.

Sincerely,

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