2025 Summer EBT iPOM Deadline Waiver

The Interim Plan for Operation and Management (iPOM) is due no later than August 15th of each year. FNS may waive this deadline for the 2025 program year, when properly justified.

Summer EBT agencies have two options to request a waiver of the August 15th iPOM deadline for the 2025 program year:

- 1) Complete section 1.4 of the *Summer EBT 2025 iPOM and POM Template* to request the waiver at the time of iPOM submission; or
- 2) Complete and return this form to request the waiver in advance of submitting your iPOM.

Summer EBT agencies only need to do <u>one</u> of the options above to request this waiver.

FNS has authority to waive regulatory provisions for Summer EBT, when certain conditions are met, consistent with Section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(1). For more information on the process for requesting waivers, please refer to <u>SP</u> 15-2018, CACFP 12-2018, SFSP 05-2018, *Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol- Revised*, May 24, 2018.

Check to indicate the waiver being requested for the 2025 program year:

7 CFR 292.8(a)
Interim Plan for Operation and Management Submission. Not later than August 15 of each year, the Summer EBT agency must submit to the FNS Regional Office its intent to administer the Summer EBT Program the following summer, along with an interim Plan for Operations and Management (iPOM) and expenditure plan for the Summer EBT Program for the upcoming fiscal year...The interim POM must: (1) Include the Summer EBT agency's forecasted program participation, anticipated administrative funding needs as part of an expenditure plan, and other programmatic information required in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section, if applicable, to the extent that such information has been determined at the time of submission.
(2) Be approved by FNS before the Summer EBT agency may draw Federal administrative funds for the fiscal year.

Check the challenge(s) your Summer EBT agency is seeking to solve with the requested waiver:

The timeline to development the program's FY25 budget does not align with this deadline.

The Summer EBT agency is making programmatic decisions with a budgetary impact that will not be finalized before the August 15 deadline.

□ The State's/ITO's/Territory's fiscal year 2025 budget is still under review.

Other- Please explain:

Check the step(s) the Summer EBT agency has taken to address barriers:

Summer EBT agencies are working collaboratively to determine the total of required matching funds.

Summer EBT will be included in future budget projections.

□ Other- Please explain more here:

This waiver will be implemented from August 15, 2024 until (Please fill in the date of submission of the iPOM here month/day/year):

September 15, 2024

Link to or provide a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver:

www.cnminap.gov.mp

Check to affirm that the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Summer EBT Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds:

Check to affirm that the Summer EBT agency will monitor and review implementation of the waiver and report on implementation at the conclusion of the 2025 program year. Reporting will include: a description of whether the waiver resulted in improved services to recipients/participants; a description of the impact of the waiver on providing benefits to participants; and a description of how the waiver reduced the quantity of paperwork necessary to administer the Program.