



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

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Reply to Attn of: SNAP – Administrative Notice 11-03

Subject: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Waiver of Quality Control (QC)
Face-to-Face Interview Requirements – CFR 275.12 (c)(1)

To: Western Region SNAP Directors

Current regulations at 7 CFR 275.12(c)(1) require that a face-to-face interview be held with each household selected for a Quality Control (QC) review. An exception for the personal interview is provided for isolated areas in Alaska (7 CFR 275.12(c)). A waiver was developed and made available December 19, 2008, to allow a telephone interview to be completed in households with an allotment of \$100 or less. A number of States requested and were approved for the waiver.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is to analyze the results of the interview waiver to determine its impact using March 2009 through June 2010 data. The timeframe for all of the State data to be transmitted are not due to be reported till the end of October 2010. A comprehensive evaluation requires more time and will be completed during the fiscal year 2011 review period.

Pending completion of this evaluation, FNS is extending all currently approved waivers of the QC face-to-face interviews with allotments of \$100 or less through the September 2011 sample.

If you have any questions about this waiver extension or the review process, please contact your Quality Control Officer at 415-705-1361.

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