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Service

Southwest Region

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Mr. James Ponzini, Program Administrator
Arkansas Department of Education
2 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Ponzini:

As outlined in Federal Regulation 7 C.F.R. 251.6, States are required to submit amendments to their State Plan to FNS to reflect any changes in The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) operations.

We received Arkansas Department of Education's updated TEFAP State Plan for FY 2025, which reflected the changes required by the Improving Access and Parity Final Rules.

After reviewing the revisions, FNS is approving the revised Arkansas TEFAP State Plan for FY 2025. The approved FY 2025 TEFAP State Plan will be considered Arkansas' permanent plan. Should additional changes need to be made in the future, you will be required to submit a new plan to the Regional Office for review and approval.

Feel free to contact this office should you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

BRANDON D. KNOX, MPA
Chief, Food Distribution Branch
Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Division

Cc: Ms. Pamela Burton