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Section 1

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Section 2

Previously, for SNAP cases with certification periods ending in March, April, May and June, OTDA had received waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to extend certification periods, statewide, for a period of six months. Social services districts (districts) were given the option of being excluded from these mass certification period extensions.

On May 18, 2020, OTDA applied to FNS for permission to similarly extend the certification periods of cases with certification periods ending in July. OTDA's request for a statewide waiver was not approved.

Upstate districts must recertify all SNAP cases with July certification period end dates, both Temporary Assistance (TA)/Medicaid, TA-SNAP and SNAP-only cases according to normal recertification requirements and procedures.

Note: this GIS does not pertain to New York City cases. Separate guidance on this matter pertaining to New York City cases will be forthcoming.