



MAY 9 2018

**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

Food and  
Nutrition  
Service

Northeast Region

10 Causeway St.  
Room 501  
Boston, MA 02222

Courtney Hawkins, Director  
Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Louis Pasteur Building  
57 Howard Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Director Hawkins:

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) staff from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Financial Management (FM) conducted a review of Rhode Island's (RI) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 New Investment Plan. The primary purpose of this review was to ensure the following: 1) the project was implemented in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, 2) the financial obligations were met and properly reported on the SF-425 (FNS-778) Financial Status Report, and 3) expenditures were supported by cost data maintained by your agency.

As you are aware, RI signed the Settlement Agreement on January 14, 2014, and agreed to reinvest \$152,215.39 to improve the administration of SNAP with State-only funds per 7 CFR 275.23(e). RI's FFY 2012 New Investment plan was approved on September 4, 2014. RI's plan was to improve the administration of SNAP by upgrading computer hardware, purchasing dual monitors for SNAP field staff, and adding support services to the Business Processing Project specific to the Providence SNAP Recertification Unit.

Our review has determined that RI has not fully met the financial obligation of the Settlement Agreement. FNS FM has validated \$82,317.00 in acceptable expenditures, which is reflected on the SF-425 (FNS-778). This leaves a balance of \$69,898.39 from the original \$152,215.39 that the State had agreed to reinvest. Attached is a bill for a claim in the amount of \$69,898.39. Pursuant to SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 275.23(j), if RI does not pay FNS the amount within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the State shall be liable for interest on the non-expended funds.

If you have any questions, contact me at (617) 565-6397.

Sincerely,

*Lyni Orphanides for Bonnie*

Bonnie Brathwaite, Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Northeast Region

Enclosure

cc: Yvette Mendez  
Iwona Ramian  
Kimberly Nikolaidis  
William O'Donnell  
John Raymond  
Deborah Barclay  
Maria Cimini

BILL FOR COLLECTION

Billing Agency:

NERO - FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE  
 10 Causeway Street  
 Room 501  
 Boston, MA 02222-1069

Contact: Financial Management  
 Telephone: (617) 565-6446

Bill: FY 2012 SNAP New Investment

Bill Date: 5/9/18

Due Date: 6/8/18

Payer:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
 Cranston, RI 02920

This bill should be returned by the payer with the remittance below.  
 SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

CUMULATIVE BILL TOTAL

\$69,898.39

INSTRUCTIONS

THIS IS NOT A RECEIPT

The payment due date is 30 days following the bill date indicated on this notice or the certified mail receipt date, whichever is later. Pursuant to 31 USC 3717, additional charges will be assessed on payments received after the due date, including interest accruing from the date the debt is owed. If the debt is referred to the Department of the Treasury for collection, additional administrative and penalty charges may be added, accrued from the original service date.

Online payments go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fm.htm> and click on "Payments"

Online Technical Support: (877) 807-4135 (toll free), Customer Account Support: (703) 305-2078, Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (eastern)

Detach Here.

Please make your payment online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fm.htm> (click on "Payments") or mail this portion with your payment. To ensure proper credit please write your **document number(s)** and **customer number** on your check.

**Document Numbers: 1803162202**

**Customer Number: 6017507**

Remit Info:

Mail this portion and payment to:

NERO - FOOD AND NUTRITION  
 SERVICE  
 Attention: Accounting Division  
 PO Box 979027  
 St. Louis, MO 631979000  
 Remit Telephone: (703) 305-2078

Northeast Regional Office

Supporting Detail

Customer:

Bill: FY 2012 SNAP New Investment

Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Cranston, RI 02920

Bill Date: 5/9/18  
Due Date: 6/8/18

Detail List Of Charges

Reference:	Document Number	Amount
S6019	1803162202	\$69,898.39
Bill Total:		----- \$69,898.39