



Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
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Tuesday, December 05, 2017

Matthew Henschel, Acting Branch Chief, SNAP Operations  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
Northeast Regional office  
10 Causeway Street  
Boston, Ma 02222

Dear Mr. Henschel,

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on FNS's request that the State of Rhode Island attempt to quantify overpayments made to SNAP recipients as a result in the delayed FPL implementation in September 2017.

The following data has been provided to the Department of Human Services by Deloitte and is the best information available at this time:

- In total, 12,661 cases received a benefit issuance in October that was less than their benefit issuance in September.
- Of these cases, 11,169 received a reduced benefit of \$100 or less.
- While we attribute many of these decreases to the FPL change, we believe some to have been caused by case changes worked prior to the October issuance.
- The total decrease in benefits across all of these cases was \$419,805.

The state continues to work to ensure that we are compliant with all Federal regulations in the administration of the SNAP program and appreciate your partnership in these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHAWKINS", written over a faint circular stamp.

Courtney Hawkins  
Director

CC: Maria Volpe  
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