



Families First Coronavirus Response Act *Passed March 18, 2020*

Summary of Nutrition/Feeding Program Provisions

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)

- \$500 million in supplementary funding to cover the additional women expected to enroll as a result of job loss due to the COVID-19 emergency.
- Gives states broad waiver authority, including on the “cashier” requirement. Current regulations require WIC to be redeemed in the presence of a cashier. If states waive this requirement, online ordering, delivery, and other alternative models could be made available for WIC.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- \$400 million to assist local food banks to meet increased demand. Of the total, \$300 million is allocated for the purchase of food and \$100 million to support storage and distribution needs.

School Meals

- Schools with high percentage of free and reduced-price lunch students are currently allowed to offer grab-and-go curbside meals utilizing the Summer Feeding program, which includes federal meal pattern guidelines, including fruits and vegetables.
- This bill gives states authority to allow schools to serve a meal without the required food components in the event of a supply chain disruption that prevents a delivery.

Emergency SNAP for children

- Gives states the authority to provide an additional SNAP benefit for families with children in areas where schools are not providing emergency curbside/grab and go meals during school closures.

Senior Nutrition

- \$250 million for senior-focused meal delivery services (i.e. Meals on Wheels)