

 Department of Children & Family Services <i>Building a Stronger Louisiana</i>	Division/Section	Family Support
	Chapter No./Name	4-Economic Stability (ES)
	Part No./Name	O-DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DSNAP)
	Section No./Name	O-200-DSNAP IMPLEMENTATION
	Document No./Name	O-260-DSNAP Application to FNS for Extensions
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*** DCFS **** may request an extension of the DSNAP application period, the DSNAP benefit period, or the geographic areas covered by the DSNAP.

O-261-DSNAP INFORMAL APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION

The informal application is usually submitted by phone, fax, or e-mail to the Regional FNS and must take place before the original approval period expires.

O-262-DSNAP FORMAL APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION

The formal application must be submitted in writing to the Regional FNS within 24 hours of the informal application.

O-263-DSNAP EXTENSION OF DSNAP APPLICATION PERIOD

The DSNAP application period is usually seven days. If a significant number of disaster-affected households cannot be served during this period, *** DCFS **** may apply to FNS for permission to extend the DSNAP application period. The request for extension must include confirmation that a significant number of affected households cannot be served without the extension and are expected to apply if the application period is extended.

O-264-DSNAP EXTENSION OF DSNAP BENEFIT PERIOD

The DSNAP benefit period is usually one month. If a significant number of disaster-affected households are still unable to access resources and their ongoing needs cannot be met through the regular SNAP once the benefit period expires, *** DCFS **** may apply to FNS for permission to extend the DSNAP benefit period for an additional month. The request for extension must include confirmation of this information.

O-265-DSNAP EXTENSION OF GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

The FNS approval to implement a DSNAP identifies the geographical areas covered by the DSNAP. If the effects of the disaster are more widespread than originally determined, *** DCFS **** may apply to FNS for permission to extend the geographic areas covered by the DSNAP. The DSNAP benefit period will be the same as the period originally approved.