

Summer EBT

A new food benefits program for school-age children

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Agenda

- I. Summer EBT program overview
- II. Requirements for Oregon to participate
- III. How the program will work in Oregon
- IV. Implementation approach
- V. Partnering for success
- VI. Questions & Answers session

Hunger can be amplified in summer

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Number of additional meals families must provide for each child, per week, during summer break

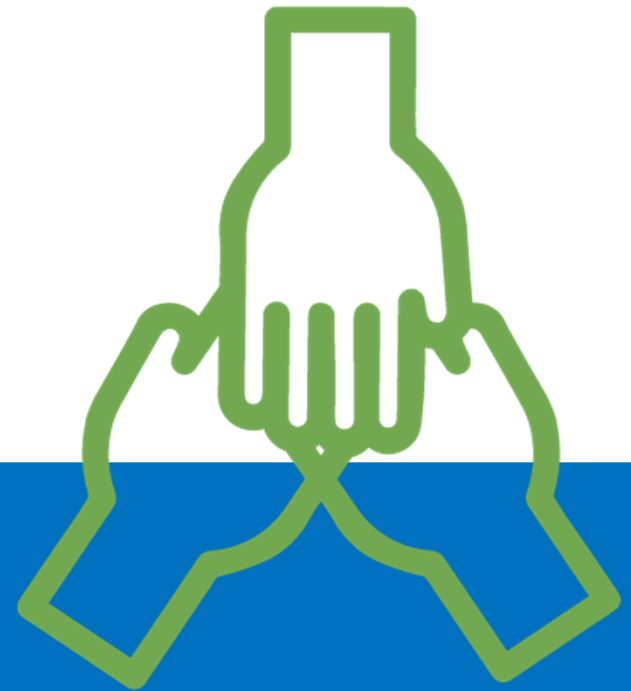
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Partnering to reduce child hunger

The Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Department of Human Services are working together to launch Summer EBT in 2024.

The program would serve an estimated 294,000 Oregon children with a total annual issuance of \$35.3 million.



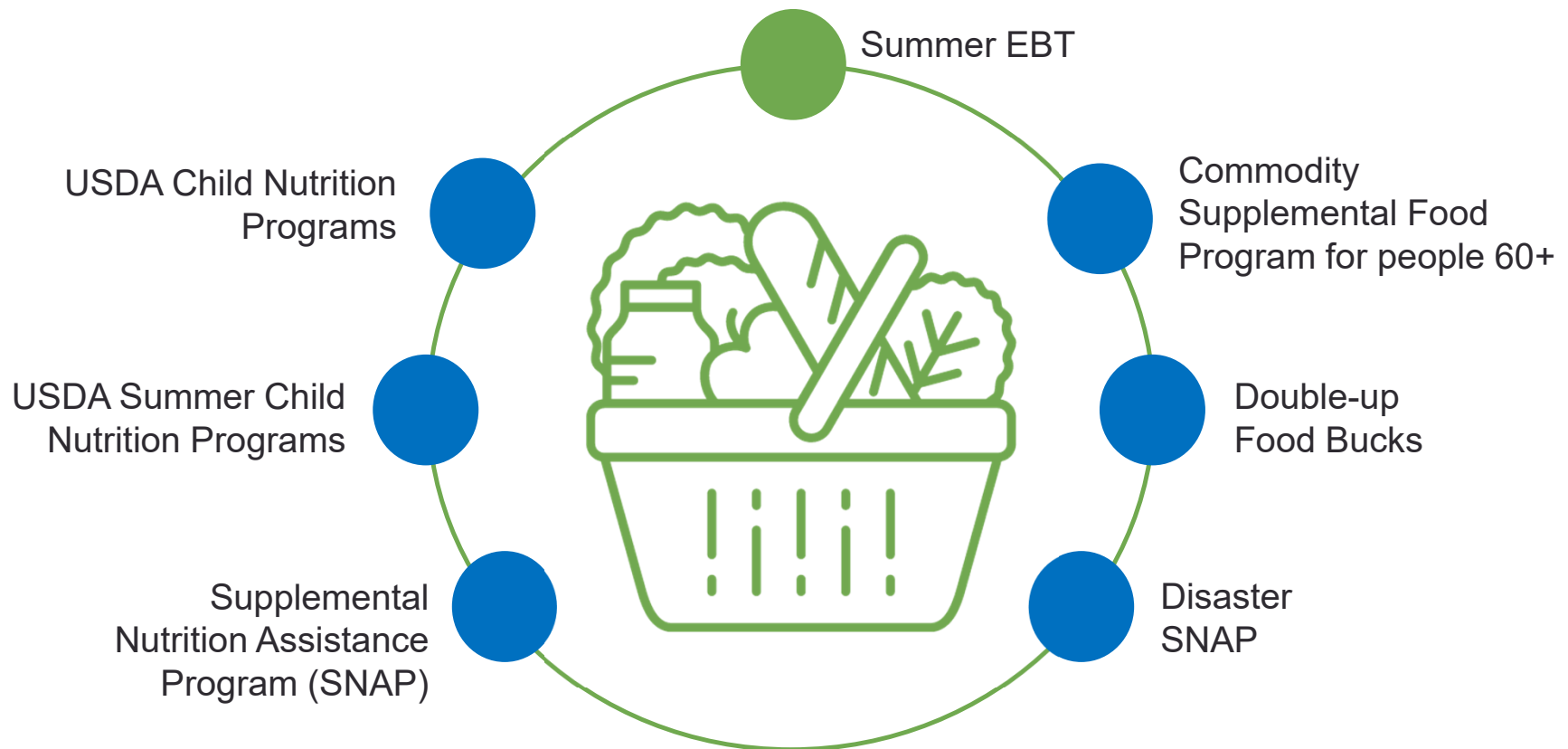
Summer EBT overview

- **Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT)** is a new, permanent and nationwide nutrition assistance program created by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023
- Provides **\$40 per child per summer month** for a total benefit of \$120
- States can participate beginning in summer 2024.

Summer EBT will help address the summer hunger gap when many children lose access to the free and reduced-price meals they had at school.

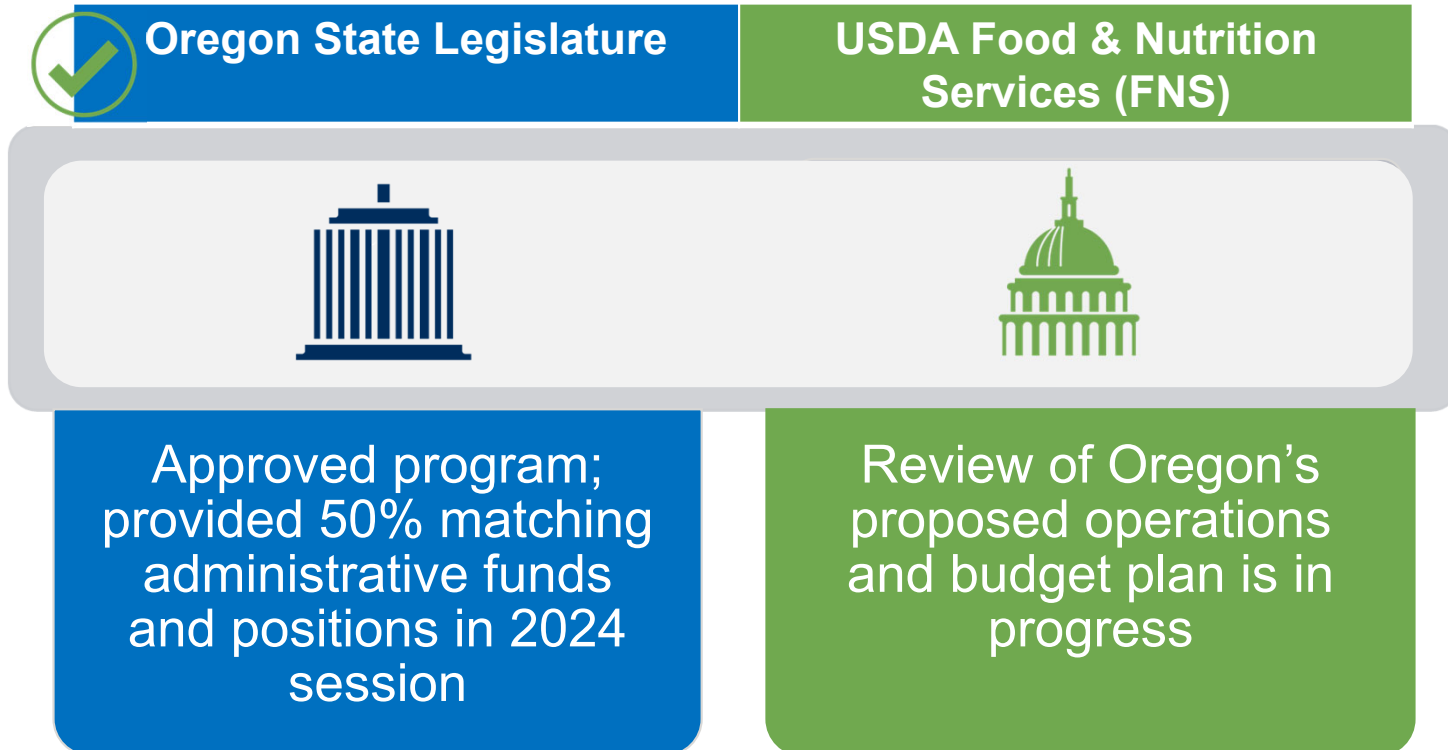


Food assistance programs work together



State and federal approval needed for Oregon to proceed

States are required to set-up Summer EBT as a stand-alone program



Application options

Many ways for families to apply:



Online through the Summer EBT Family Portal (mobile-optimized)



By phone through the Summer EBT Customer Service Center



Paper application

Applications and notices in multiple formats and languages: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese

Program eligibility

- Children enrolled in a National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program-participating school who qualify for free or reduced-price meals
- Children qualifying for free meals through other federal assistance programs:
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Foster care
 - Head Start
 - Medicaid
 - Students experiencing homelessness
 - Students enrolled in migrant programs
 - SNAP
 - TANF



How it works

Two ways children can get approved :

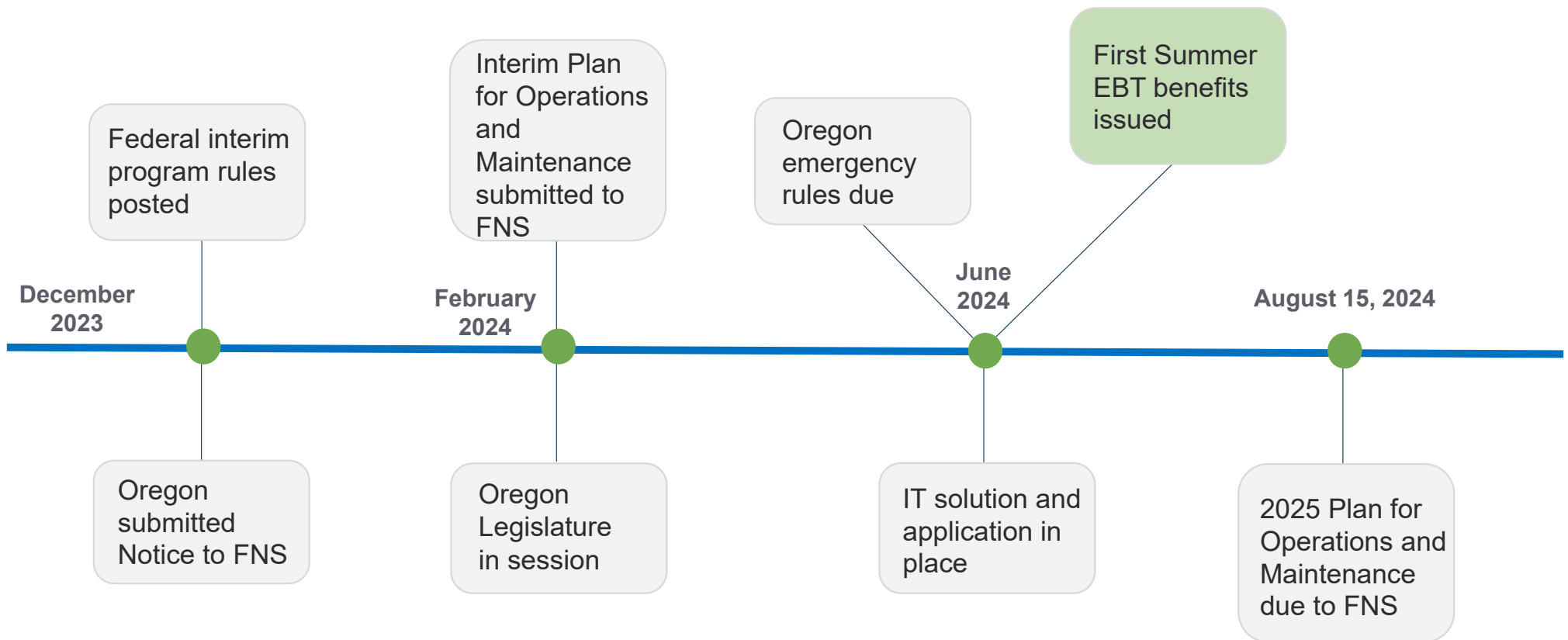
- 1. About 70% will have streamlined certification:**
 - Eligible for free and reduced-price school meals or other public assistance programs
 - No action needed by parents or guardians
- 2. About 30% will need to apply:**
 - ODHS will need to create an application and help determine eligibility.



Summer EBT is different from Pandemic EBT

	Summer EBT	Pandemic EBT	
Eligibility	Students enrolled in a NSLP school	Yes, if Free or Reduced-Price Meal (FRM) eligible	Yes, if FRM eligible
	Students enrolled at a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school	No, not automatically	Yes
	Children under 6 receiving SNAP	No	Yes
	Participating in Medicaid	Yes	No
	Foster care through Child Welfare	Yes	Yes
	Identified as migrant, unhoused, or runaway by the school	Yes	Yes, if FRM eligible
	Identified as receiving the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	Yes	Yes, if FRM eligible
	Application	Yes	No
Benefit	\$120 per summer	Varied	
Delivery	Oregon Trail Card for SNAP Head of Household or Summer EBT card for Household	P-EBT card per child	

Timeline to design and launch new program



Approach in 2024

Implement using vendor solution

- Clarifying student data
- Hosting online application
- Call center
- Communications

Three distinct portals

- Worker portal for state/vendor staff
- School portal for districts and ODE staff
- Parent portal for applications and updates

ODHS

- Determine Eligibility
- Issue benefits



Data-sharing critical to directly certify children

- Schools will share data with ODHS for “streamlined,” direct certification
- Where possible, ODHS will leverage information already captured by schools that they can easily share, asking for the minimum information required to issue benefits
- Data will be used to confirm eligibility for S-EBT

FNS estimates 205,000 children in Oregon are likely eligible for streamlined certification and 89,000 will need to apply

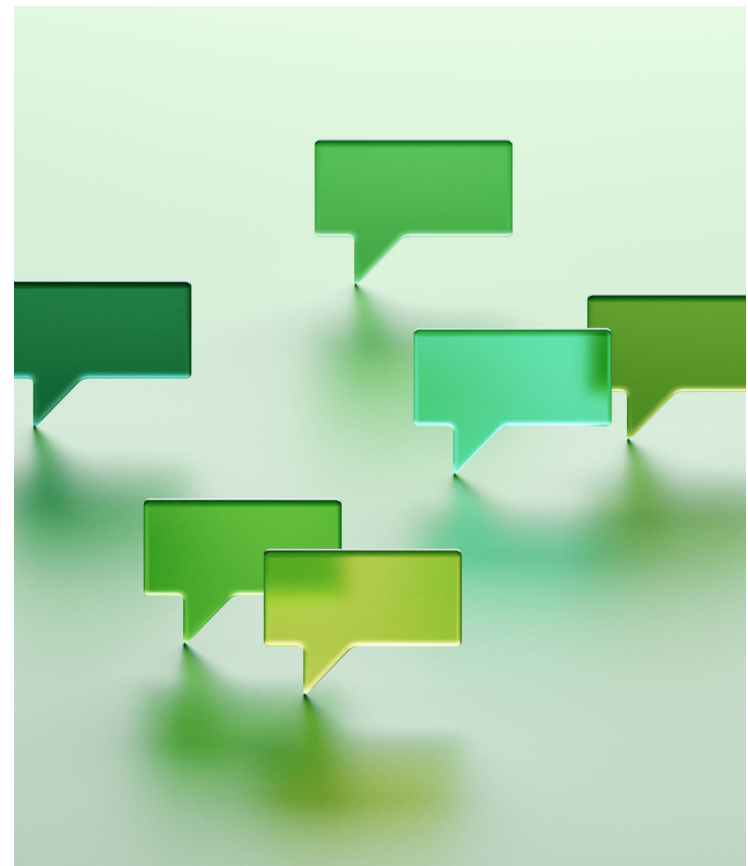
Approach in 2025

- Vendor solution transitions to state environment and continues to provide infrastructure support during implementation
- ODHS
 - Determine eligibility
 - Customer service support
 - Communication and correspondence



Communication is key

- Social media
- School newsletters
- Fact sheets
- Partner meetings and presentations
- Posters – schools, offices, places where families congregate
- Physical applications
- Phone/SMS notifications
- Talking points for staff



Partnering for success

To start, we'll need your help with

- Reviewing notices
- Assisting with communications planning and product reviews
- Sharing information through your locations and communications channels



Q&A Session

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