



NC Department of Health and Human Services

# Program Integrity

April 2023 In-person Regional Meeting

# Suspension of Claims Waiver

- The approved waiver suspends the collection of all current FNS and WF overpayments, and delays collection of newly established FNS and WF overpayments.
- NC FAST automatically suspends collections and does not consider late payments on established FNS and WF overpayments as delinquent for the duration of the waiver period.
- Waiver is approved through **June 30, 2023**.
- Once waiver ends, FNS and WF overpayment collections will resume, the month following the month the waiver ends (July 1, 2023).
- DCFW plans to send a generic notice to all FNS households regarding all waivers that will be ending. Information regarding the suspension of claim waiver will be included to explain that all requirements to replay claims will resume. In addition, Voluntary Repayment Agreements (VRAs) will revert to their status prior to the suspension of claim waivers. Payments and dates will remain the same as what was previously entered prior to claims suspension.

## Pandemic Caused Over-Issuance Waiver & Termination and Write-Off of Claims

- Prevent establishment of new Program Integrity claims that were a result as a pandemic caused over-issuance
- Waiver was approved April 1, 2020, through July 31, 2022
- Program Integrity Investigators have resumed establishing claims according to normal FNS policy guidelines.

### Termination and Write-off of Claims

- Flexibility allowed by USDA to allow states to terminate and write off claims that were a result of a pandemic caused over issuance.
- Approved through the end of the public health emergency (May 11, 2023)

## Questions

**Any questions you may have please write them on the index cards provided on your table. Please include your name, county, and email address with your question and place in the questions box. A Q&A document along with the PowerPoints will be shared with all the counties in May 2023.**