

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Investigating Impacts of SNAP Redemptions on County-Level Employment

Type of Report  
(ERR, EIB, EB,  
TB, SOR,)

ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of  
Review:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – previously called the Food Stamp Program (FSP) – is the second largest means-tested Federal program (after Medicaid) and the largest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program. SNAP payments nearly quadrupled between 2001 and 2013, in part due to changes in policies intended to help stimulate the economy during and after the Great Recession. Although the stimulus impact of SNAP payments during the recession have been predicted using economic models and were part of the rationale for increasing benefits paid under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), no published studies have investigated the impacts of these payments econometrically. This report investigates the impacts of SNAP redemptions on county-level employment during the period 2001 to 2014 using econometric methods, separately estimating impacts during the period prior to the Great Recession (2001 to 2007), during the recession (2008 to 2010), and after the recession (2011 to 2014), as well as the average impact for the period as a whole. We also investigate the impacts of SNAP redemptions on employment in nonmetro vs. metro counties separately.

Purpose of  
Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 2/2/2018 Completed: 12/05/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?

Yes

No