

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Improving the Assessment of SNAP Targeting using Administrative Records

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: This study assesses the extent to which Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in New York State are provided to households with low annual incomes (relative to poverty). This study adopts four thresholds for “low” annual income and considers three different measures of benefit receipt. Data from the American Community Survey (ACS) are linked to SNAP administrative records to address measurement error in survey-reported SNAP receipt and to supplement the ACS measure of ever-in-the-year SNAP participation with two additional intensive measures of receipt. The value of benefits received and number of months of participation each reflect the “intensity” of SNAP use. The assessment of SNAP targeting is sensitive to which of the three measures of benefit receipt is examined.

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: 07/30/14 End: 12/04/14 Completed: 12/04/14

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 [X] No

