

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: SNAP Access at the State and County-Levels: Evidence from Texas SNAP Administrative Records and the American Community Survey

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review: This study links SNAP administrative records from Texas to the American Community Survey (ACS) to estimate SNAP access rates for geographic and demographic subgroups, at both the State and county levels. The linked data allows us to measure SNAP participation more accurately than is possible with household survey data while still allowing us to estimate SNAP eligibility in the population. The large sample size of the ACS enables us to provide a breakdown of access rates by subgroups within the State and even for demographic subgroups within the largest counties in Texas. The report provides Texas SNAP administrators with a profile of individuals by type who may benefit from expanded outreach. It also serves as a prototype for what the States can expect to receive from Census as a benefit of sharing their SNAP records with Census.

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: 2/13/13 End: 07/08/13 Completed: 07/08/13

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

