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Dear Lisa Schweigert,

Thank you for commenting on the renewal of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's (SNAP) Quality Control (QC) Review Schedule, Form FNS-380-1, that was published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 65739).

In your letter you indicated the update of "sex" to "gender" would conflict with the current way your State collects this information, as "sex" is presently a required field for households to respond to, while "gender" is optional. You asked if your State should use the "sex" information on the State form to fill out the "gender" field on the QC form and if the FNS 380-1 could, instead of changing the "sex" field, add a "gender" field.

After further research, FNS determined the collection of "gender" would be impractical to collect since the voluntary information is not present on most State SNAP applications. As such, including the collection of "gender" in the QC review would be premature. Therefore, FNS will not proceed with changing the collection of "sex" on the form for this renewal.

Thank you again for your comments on the 380-1.

Respectfully,

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