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To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to extend certain certification periods for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN WIC CERTIFICATION**  
4 **PERIODS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF ADJUNCTIVE ELIGIBILITY.—Sec-  
6 tion 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
7 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii)—

2 (A) in subclause (I), by inserting “resides  
3 in a household (as such term is defined in sec-  
4 tion 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
5 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) that” before “receives”; and

6 (B) in subclause (II), by striking “; or”  
7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (2) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

9 “(iii)(I) is enrolled in medical assist-  
10 ance under title XIX of the Social Security  
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or child  
12 health assistance under title XXI of the  
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et  
14 seq.); or

15 “(II) is a member of a family in which  
16 a pregnant woman, postpartum woman, in-  
17 fant, or child receives such assistance;”;  
18 and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(iv) is enrolled as a participant in a program  
21 authorized under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 9831 et seq.) or resides in a household in which one  
23 or more children is enrolled as a participant in such  
24 a Head Start program;

1           “(v) resides in a household that receives assist-  
2           ance under the food distribution program on Indian  
3           reservations established under section 4(b) of the  
4           Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b));  
5           or

6           “(vi) resides in a household that receives assist-  
7           ance from a nutrition assistance program funded by  
8           the consolidated block grants for Puerto Rico and  
9           the American Samoa established under section 19 of  
10          the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
11          2028).”.

12          (b) CERTIFICATION WITHIN ONE HOUSEHOLD FAM-  
13          ILY; CERTIFICATION OF INFANTS.—Section 17(d)(3)(A)  
14          of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
15          1786)(d)(3)(A)) is amended—

16                 (1) in clause (i), by striking “clause (ii)” and  
17                 inserting “clauses (ii) and (v)”; and

18                 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19                         “(iv) CERTIFICATION WITHIN ONE  
20                         HOUSEHOLD FAMILY.—In the case of an  
21                         individual who is a member of a household  
22                         participating in the program pursuant to  
23                         clauses (i), (ii), or (iii) of paragraph (2)(A)  
24                         and is certified for purposes of such  
25                         clauses under subparagraph (D) or (E), a

1 local agency may extend or establish, if  
2 such an extension or establishment would  
3 promote alignment between such family  
4 members, a certification period for family  
5 members of such individual who—

6 “(I) reside in the same house-  
7 hold; and

8 “(II) are—

9 “(aa) participants in the  
10 program; or

11 “(bb) eligible to participate  
12 in the program.

13 “(v) CERTIFICATION OF INFANTS.—A  
14 State shall certify for participation, with-  
15 out further application, an infant born to  
16 a pregnant individual who is participating  
17 in the program pursuant to clause (iii) of  
18 paragraph (2)(A).

19 “(vi) RECERTIFICATION.—Before re-  
20 questing new income documentation for  
21 purposes of recertifying an individual  
22 under the program, a State shall—

23 “(I) determine whether such indi-  
24 vidual is eligible for recertification  
25 under subparagraph (E); and

1                                   “(II) if such individual is so eligi-  
2                                   ble—

3                                   “(aa) recertify such indi-  
4                                   vidual; and

5                                   “(bb) notify such individual  
6                                   of such recertification.”.

7           (c) EXTENSION OF CHILD CERTIFICATION PERI-  
8 ODS.—Section 17(d)(3)(A)(iii) of the Child Nutrition Act  
9 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(A)(iii)) is amended by  
10 striking “1 year” and inserting “2 years”.

11           (d) AUTOMATIC ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN IN KIN-  
12 SHIP FAMILIES.—Section 17(f)(1)(C)(ix) of the Child Nu-  
13 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(1)(C)(ix)) is  
14 amended by inserting “a kinship family,” after “under the  
15 care of”.