Iowa SNAP Healthy Foods Waiver Update

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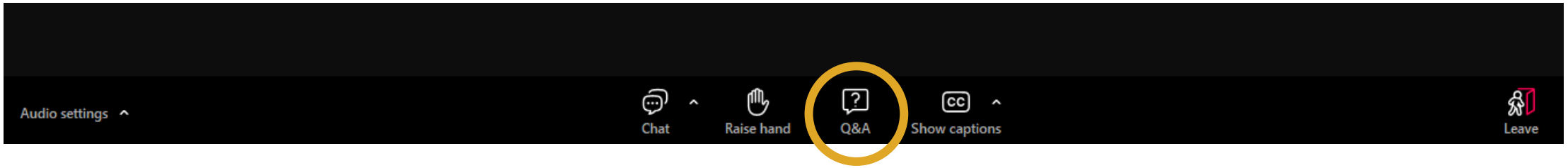


Agenda

Reviewing the SNAP Waiver

- Update on New Waiver Submission
- Timeline
- Questions

Using Zoom Webinar



- To type a question during the webinar, click **‘Q&A’,** and a panelist will type a response when able. Some questions may be addressed verbally at the end of the webinar instead of a typed response.
- We will follow up with any questions we cannot get to.

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Iowa SNAP Healthy Foods Waiver

- The waiver was originally approved by USDA and took effect on 01/01/26, before being vacated by a federal court in June.
- Iowa HHS recently submitted a new waiver.
- The waiver will next be posted in the Federal Register and move through a 30-day public comment period. FNA will approve/deny after this process concludes. **Iowa HHS is targeting an implementation date of 02/01/27.**
- There will be an additional one-time 90 Day Grace Period.

Implementation Timeline

- Begins upon waiver implementation – Targeting 02/01/27.
- Only non-taxable food items are eligible, plus Seeds for food-producing plants and food-producing plants. *(Same expectations as the last implementation)*
- **New to this Waiver: Phase 2**
  - Begins on June 1, 2027.
  - Will exclude additional items. We will provide more information about implementation of phase 2 later.

Questions?

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