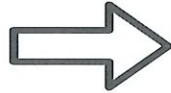
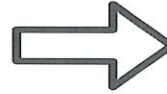


QC Review & PER Calculation Process

Step 1
FNS Selects Random Sample of DHS Cases



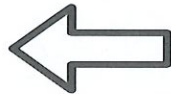
Step 2
DHS QC Staff Review & Re-Calculate Benefits



Step 3
Compare QC Benefit Calculation to Original



Step 6
FNS Publishes Final Weighted PER



Step 5
FNS validates a subsample



Step 4
±\$56 Error Cases Submitted to FNS



Financial Implications of New Federal Rules

The Reconciliation Act, signed in July, created a new federal penalty structure.

- Beginning October 1, 2027 (FFY28), states with a PER **above 6 percent** must contribute state funds toward SNAP benefit issuance.
- Penalties based on the PER from three years earlier, starting October 1, 2028 (e.g., FY26 for FY29).
- In Rhode Island, each 5-percentage-point increase equates to roughly \$17.1 million in added state cost.

Payment Error Rate	State Match	RI Cost Share (Est.)
Below 6%	0%	None
6.00% - 7.99%	5%	\$17.1 m
8.00% - 9.99%	10%	\$34.2 m
10.00% and above	15%	\$51.3 m



National Average & Rhode Island Historic SNAP Error Rates

