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To: Institutions Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
Sponsors Participating in the Summer Food Service Program

From: Arnette Cowan, Head Special Nutrition Programs Unit

Re: Extending Categorical Eligibility to Additional Children in a Household

This memorandum modifies the policy related to categorical eligibility for free meals for children who are members of a household receiving assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is modifying the policy to increase access to the child nutrition programs and to streamline the eligibility process.

Beginning in School Year 2009-2010, categorically eligible children with SNAP, FDPIR or TANF and applications with case numbers for these programs, all children in the family, as defined in 7 CFR §226.2, are categorically eligible for free meals. To the extent possible, the Institution and Sponsor must extend eligibility for free meals to all children in what would be considered a family for the purposes of applying for free or reduced prices meals. For households submitting applications with case numbers for some, but not all, of their children, the Institution must certify all children as categorically eligible for free meals. Any income on the application is disregarded.

Please note that this policy does not extend to other categorically eligible categories such as Head Start or children enrolled in the Migrant Education Program.

If you have questions, please contact your consultant.

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