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SUBJECT: Changes to the FNS-44, Report of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on revisions to the FNS-44, Report of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The revisions are based on Section 122 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, which extended eligibility for at-risk afterschool meal reimbursement to all States participating in the CACFP. The revised form (see attached) does not require the submission of new data or information and was approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

We are providing information about the minor revisions early to notify State agencies (SA) of the modifications and to provide additional time to update state systems. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Office of Financial Management is currently in the process of modifying the new form in the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS). Form changes and revisions must be implemented at the beginning of a fiscal year; as a result, the revised FNS-44 will be fully implemented for SA reporting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.

To provide further clarification, we outlined below the current reporting requirements and the upcoming approved revisions.

Current Reporting Process:

The current FNS-44 provides fields for the number of “at-risk-only” supplements in part E, column A2 but does not include designated fields for the reporting of at-risk breakfasts, lunches, and suppers. SAs eligible for reimbursement for at-risk afterschool meals currently report the number of at-risk breakfasts, lunches, and suppers claimed in the “REMARKS” section.

SAs **must continue** to report the at-risk breakfast, lunch, and supper data in the “REMARKS” section of the current FNS-44 per instructions in memorandum CACFP 15-2010, dated July 7, 2010 (attached) for the remainder of FY 2012.

Overview of FNS-44 Approved Revisions:

- The revised form contains minor modifications to the instructions to update the language to include current program terminology (see attachment for a complete list of instruction changes).
- The revised form provides fields to report the number of at-risk breakfasts, lunches, and suppers in Part E, column A2 (At-Risk Only) to accommodate the extension of “at-risk” afterschool meal reimbursement to all states. SAs are required to report ACTUAL at-risk afterschool meal data related to free breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and snacks in Part E, Column A2 rows 22, 31, 40, and 49. ESTIMATED and TOTAL data should not be reported for data relating to at-risk afterschool meals. The rows pertaining to ESTIMATED and TOTAL data in 23-30, 32-39, 41-48, 50-57, and 59-60 are shaded. The instructions are updated to reflect the above change in the attached form.

State agencies should direct any questions concerning this guidance to the appropriate FNS Regional Office. Regional Offices with questions should contact the Child Nutrition Division.

Original Signed

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Attachments: FNS-44 Approved Revisions
Revised Form FNS-44
Memorandum CACFP 15-2010

FNS-44 Approved Revisions:

- Current definitions on the form are clarified as follows (changes to text are identified by bold):
 - Part A is to be completed monthly. Part B is to be completed only for the months of December, March, June, and September. Part C lines 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 are to be completed only for the months of October and March. Part D Line 21 is to be completed only for the 90-day report. Part E is to be completed monthly. The FNS-44 must be **submitted** to the Regional Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
 - "Facility" – **A sponsored center, or a family day care home.**
 - "Institution" – Any **independent center or** sponsoring organization of **day care homes**, child care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, emergency shelters, or adult day care centers which enters into an agreement with the State agency to assume final administrative and financial responsibility for Program operations.
 - "At-Risk Afterschool **Care** Center" - An **outlet** located in a low- income area and approved by the State agency, in accordance with Program regulations, to be reimbursed at the "free" rate for snacks or meals served to children through the age of 18 who participate in the facility's afterschool care program.
 - "Outside School Hours Care Center" – An **outlet** approved to provide meal service to enrolled children (through the age of 12) enrolled in child care during hours outside of school.
 - "60-Day Report" - **Not required.**
 - "90-Day Report" - **Must be submitted to the FNS Regional Office** within 90 days following the month being reported. This is a "final" report and must consist of ACTUAL data only.
- The following definitions were added to the instructions:
 - "Independent Center" - Any single child care center, at-risk afterschool center, outside-school-hours care center, emergency shelter, or adult day care center, which enters into an agreement with the State agency to assume final administrative and financial responsibility for program operations.

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- o "Sponsoring Organization" - Any public, private nonprofit, or for-profit organization which enters into an agreement with the State agency to assume final administrative and financial responsibility for program operations in two or more sponsored facilities.
- The following line instructions were revised:
 - o Part B:
 - Line 8: Column A – Complete quarterly – Enter the number of institutions (including both independent centers and sponsoring organizations) with an approved agreement that operated only Child Care Centers during the reporting month. Child Care Centers include For-Profit Centers, Outside School Hours Care Centers, Head Start Centers, 'At-Risk' Afterschool Care Centers, and Emergency Shelters.
 - Line 9: Column A - Enter the number of independent and sponsored Centers, including eligible For-Profit Centers, Outside-School-Hours Care Centers, Head Start Centers, 'At-Risk' Afterschool Care Centers, and Emergency Shelters that were eligible and that operated during the reporting month. Report in 9A both the independent centers reported in 8(A) and all sponsored centers reported in 8(B2). The number reported in 9A must either be equal to or greater than the number reported in 12(F).
 - Line 9: Column B – Enter in the appropriate space the total number of Tier I, Tier II All Higher, Tier II All Lower, and Tier II Mixed Family Day Care homes that operated under sponsoring organizations reported in 8(B1) and 8(B2) during the reporting month. (See definitions).
 - Line 9: Column C – Enter the number of independent and sponsored Adult Day Care Centers that operated during the reporting month.
 - Line 10: Enter the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) of Outlets that were entered on Line 9. ADA for the reporting month is computed by adding the ADA for each Outlet that operated. Report in Column B the ADA for Day Care Homes by type of home.

o Part C

- Line 11: Enter the number of Institutions with an approved agreement that operated For-Profit Centers (Column A), Outside School Hours Care Centers (Column B), Head Start Centers (Column C), 'At-Risk' Afterschool Care Centers (Column D), or Emergency Shelters (Column E) during the months of October and March. (These figures, Line 11 Cols. A, B, C, D, and E are subsets of the figures appearing in Line 8(A) and 8(B2) for the month of March). Sponsors administering several types of facilities shall be entered in each column that is appropriate.
- Line 12: Enter the number of independent and sponsored For-Profit Centers (Column A), Outside-School-Hours Care Centers (Column B), Head Start Centers (Column C), 'At-Risk' Afterschool Care Centers (Column D), or Emergency Shelters (Column E) that were eligible and that operated during the reporting month. (These figures, Line 12 Columns A, B, C, D, and E are subsets of the figure appearing in Line 9, Column A for the month of March).
- Line 13: Enter the Average Daily Attendance of Outlets that were entered on Line 12.
- Line 19: Enter the number of independent and sponsored For-Profit Adult Day Care Outlets (Column A), and all other Adult Day Care Outlets (Column B) that were eligible and that operated during the reporting month. (These figures, Line 19, Columns A and B should equal the figure appearing in Line 9, Column C for the month of March).
- Line 20: Enter the Average Daily Attendance of Outlets that were entered on Line 19.

o PART E

- Column A: Enter the ACTUAL, ESTIMATED, and TOTAL number of FREE, REDUCED, and PAID BREAKFASTS, LUNCHES, SUPPERS and SNACKS served in Centers. (Include in Col. A, for all meal categories, For-Profit Centers, Outside-School-Hours Care Centers, Head Start Centers, and Emergency Shelters.) In Column A2 (Lines 22, 31, 40, 49), enter only the actual number of free **At-Risk** breakfasts, lunches, suppers and snacks served. This will be a subset of the total number of meals reported in Column A1 (all, including **At-Risk** meals).