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SUBJECT: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memorandum #15-99:
Supper Meal Service

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All Regions

This memorandum permits State agencies to approve SFSP sponsors to serve suppers at sites in certain circumstances. This memorandum is effective upon issuance and will remain in effect until superseded by regulation or future memorandum.

As you are aware, the majority of sites operating the SFSP serve lunches. In some cases, however, an area is eligible for the program but sites, meal preparation facilities, or staff are not available for a lunch meal service. In other cases, organizations have developed late-afternoon or evening programs for children in low-income areas to keep them occupied in the summer months, but do not have sufficient resources to provide children with meals. We believe the SFSP, with its goal of providing nutritious meals to children in low-income areas during long vacations from school, is appropriate for some of these programs.

Therefore, while we continue to encourage that SFSP sponsors serve lunches, to help address circumstances such as those described above, this memorandum permits State agencies to approve sponsors to serve suppers in place of lunches. Except for camps and migrant sites, in no case may a sponsor be approved to serve a supper and a lunch at the same site. In approving the service of suppers, State agencies must ensure that sponsors have sufficient staff available to properly manage and monitor a supper meal service. In addition, State agencies must have resources available to monitor sponsors serving suppers in order to meet the monitoring requirements set forth in Section 225.7(d) of the program regulations or SFSP Policy Memorandum #5-99, as appropriate. Please note that time restrictions for meal service contained in Section 225.16(c) continue to apply to the service of suppers at SFSP sites. However, the restrictions do not apply to residential camps and migrant sites.

We want to emphasize that this memorandum does not require State agencies to approve sponsors to serve suppers at sites other than camps and migrant sites, but rather provides them the authority to do so when they deem it to be feasible and appropriate.

Please share this information with your State agencies. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Rothstein or Mandy Briggs.

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