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SUBJECT: Emergency Feeding in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
(CACFP) in Areas Affected by Hurricane Rita

TO: Betty Veasley
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This memorandum is in response to a request from your office for guidance on dealing with the feeding of eligible children and adults in the CACFP in areas affected by Hurricane Rita. Although Hurricane Rita has not made landfall, evacuations in anticipation of the storm have created situations that warrant the actions described in this memorandum.

These waivers are in effect from the date of evacuation in anticipation of Hurricane Rita, through October 7, 2005. We will continue to monitor the situation in these areas and provide updates and extensions, as appropriate.

Emergency Shelters in CACFP

- Where significant numbers of persons evacuated in advance of Hurricane Rita are being temporarily housed, State agencies (SAs) may designate any appropriate facility as an emergency shelter, and may waive institution application requirements in these situations.
- When SAs have designated a facility as an emergency shelter, all children through age 18, and any adults normally eligible to receive benefits in the adult day care segment of CACFP, may receive up to three free meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper, or two meals and a snack) per day.
- If a school is providing educational services, and is also housing displaced persons eligible for CACFP, the school may sign an agreement with the CACFP SA and serve up to three meals per day without charge to such persons, as described above. The SA may waive institution application requirements. In addition, if a school is not providing shelter, but is providing meals to evacuees being housed elsewhere, in locations that do not have the means to provide meal service to temporary residents, the SA could designate the school as an emergency shelter.

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If there are any questions concerning this policy, please contact Ed Morawetz or Keith Churchill of my staff.

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STANLEY C. GARNETT
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cc: Ellen Wahlberg, SWRO