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SUBJECT: CACFP Policy # 05-2005: Additional Waivers Relating to Hurricane Katrina in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

TO: Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Agencies
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

This memorandum announces additional waivers to Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) policies relating to the CACFP in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Unless otherwise indicated, the waivers discussed in this memorandum are in effect through September 30, 2005. We will continue to monitor the situation in these areas and provide updates and extensions, as appropriate.

Residential Children in CACFP Facilities

- In areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and in other areas where there are significant numbers of persons displaced by the disaster, the three-day limit on temporary emergency residential care, as set forth in FNS Instruction 776-4, does not apply.
- Meals served to the children of military service members and emergency personnel who have deployed to the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina may be claimed for reimbursement, even when those children are temporarily in residence in a participating facility for more than three days.

Review Requirements

- Sponsor reviews of facilities: In the States of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi, State agencies may waive facility review requirements, as appropriate.
- State agency reviews of institutions: For State agencies whose ability to conduct institution reviews has been affected in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and in other areas where there are significant numbers of persons displaced by the disaster, FNS Regional offices are authorized to grant extensions of the normal three-year institution review cycle, as appropriate.

- In areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and in other areas where there are significant numbers of persons displaced by the disaster, implementation of the block claim edit check and unannounced follow-up review requirement is delayed until January 1, 2006.

Emergency Shelters in CACFP

The first bullet in the September 2, 2005, guidance under the heading of “Emergency Shelters in CACFP” read as follows:

- Where significant numbers of persons displaced by Hurricane Katrina 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.

We wish to clarify that “any appropriate facility” could include a school or institution which, although it is not providing actual shelter, is nevertheless providing meals to displaced persons being temporarily housed elsewhere, in locations that do not have the means to provide meal service to these temporary residents.

If there are any questions concerning this policy, State agencies should contact their Regional office.



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