Implementation of Afterschool Meal Supplement Provision

The final rule governing the service of meal supplements in National School Lunch Program (NSLP) schools which provide an afterschool care program for children was published in the Federal Register on August 10, 1993. The rule became effective 30 days following publication, September 9, 1993. This memorandum establishes operational policy regarding the implementation of this rule.

The provision applies only to school food authorities (SFAs) which were serving supplements under a separate Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) agreement as of May 15, 1989. The intent of this rule is to enable such schools to continue operation of an afterschool child care feeding program as part of its school program agreement, and thereby simplify program administration.

The basis for the new claiming arrangement must first be established through the State agency that operates the NSLP by having the SFA submit an addendum to its existing school program agreement. In addition, as appropriate, the CACFP agreement will need to be amended or terminated. Alternatively, the State may execute a new agreement with the SFA.

With regard to reporting systems, the Form FNS-10, revised in October 1990, now accommodates the reporting of supplements in afterschool programs. Beginning with the September 1993 Form FNS-10, States may begin reporting supplements. The meal counts would be entered in Lines 5c (on a monthly basis) and 10b (October 90-day). Participation data would be entered in Lines 12 and 13, Column G (October 90-day). Please take all necessary steps to avoid any duplicate claiming and reporting, particularly in the case that the agency responsible for the CACFP in your State is different from the agency responsible for the NSLP.

Please be sure to call our office if you have any questions about the implementation of these provisions.

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