Reply to
Attn. of: CACFP-376

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Subject: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Policy Memorandum

STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS
To: (Special Nutrition Programs)
   - Colorado DH, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH,
     Montana DHES, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
     South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

Attached is a summary of questions and answers that have been raised since our
We will continue to compile additional information and submit it to the State
Agencies as the need arises.

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Attachment
1. Q. Is baby food with tapioca creditable in the CACFP?
   A. No. FNS-258, Feeding Infants in CACFP, page 31, states, "Buy only single-ingredient foods. Avoid combination foods or dinners because they generally have less nutritional value by weight than single-ingredient foods, and they usually cost more than if each item were purchased separately. Also, it is difficult to determine the amount of each component in combination foods and dinners; and therefore, difficult to credit towards meeting the meal pattern...also, choose foods without added fillers such as tapioca and modified food starch." Page 37 of Crediting Foods in CACFP indicates tapioca as not being creditable in the CACFP. Page 44 of that guide gives information on the creditability of infant foods.

2. Q. Can supplements be served family style?
   A. Yes. However, all aspects of FNS Instruction 783-9, Revision 2, dated May 3, 1993 must be followed in family style meal service. The supervising adult sitting at each table with the children must actively encourage each child to accept the full required portion for each food component. In this way, the children can develop positive attitudes toward nutritious food, share in group eating situations and develop good eating habits.

3. Q. A sponsoring organization (SO) purchased a computer in the previous fiscal year; however, it did not claim depreciation as a cost for the last five months of the fiscal year. Can the SO show the five month's depreciation on a current claim?
   A. No. The SO can not claim depreciation for the previous fiscal year. However, since costs are cumulative, it can claim a full year's depreciation for this fiscal year.

4. Q. Can a State Agency, as the cognizant agency, approve accelerated depreciation? Circular A-122 states that a cognizant agency may approve a change in the depreciation method.
   A. Straight-line depreciation is the only type of depreciation referred to in Circular A-122. The only purpose for accelerated depreciation would be for a SO to recoup costs quicker. Under no circumstances should an accelerated depreciation be used to decrease the useful life of a piece of equipment. The normal useful life of equipment should be the basis of depreciation.
5. Q. May a sponsoring organization of family day care homes (FDCHSO) have a permanent agreement with its FDCHs?

A. Yes. A FDCHSO may have permanent agreements with its FDCHs. However, there are some items that need to be updated annually, such as licensing.