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

Attached is a summary of questions and answers that have been raised since our last CACFP question and answer memorandum, CACFP-393, dated May 2, 1994. We will continue to compile additional information and submit it to the State Agencies as the need arises.

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Attachment
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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1. Q. Are day care centers eligible for start-up funds under Part 226.12(b)?
   A. No. Start-up funds are for sponsoring organizations of family day care homes (FDCHSOs) to either develop or expand up to 50 homes.

2. Q. For FDCHSOs, how is the 30 percent limit on administrative reimbursement determined?
   A. The FDCHSO’s administrative reimbursement cannot exceed 30 percent of the total amount of administrative payments and food service payments for day care operations.

3. Q. Are "Ritz Bits" creditable?
   A. Yes, if the first ingredient is whole grain or enriched flour, they are creditable toward meeting the bread/bread alternate for snack only. To determine the number of crackers needed, weigh the crackers without the filling. A serving of crackers would need to weigh 10 grams (0.4 oz) for a 1-5 year old and 20 grams for a 6-12 year old.

   If the crackers are filled with peanut butter and not peanut spread or peanut filling, the filling may be creditable toward the meat/meat alternate requirement. To determine the amount of peanut butter provided by each "Bit" take the peanut butter from a "Bit" and determine the quantity (1/8 tsp, 1/4 tsp, etc.) of peanut butter provided.

4. Q. A proprietary Title XX center participating in the Program is being sold to a new owner. May it continue to participate in the Program without a break in reimbursement?
   A. Yes, assuming the center's 25 percent eligibility for the previous month would have been met under the former owner. However, the new owner should be made aware that he/she would be held responsible for any previous recordkeeping errors which might occur during a subsequent review or audit.

5. Q. Is 'VITAMITE' creditable as milk?
   A. No. It does not meet the definition of milk in the Program.

6. Q. Are kasha, couscous, quinoa, and wild rice creditable as bread alternates?
   A. Yes.
7. Q. A sponsoring organization (SO) which is part of a community college wants to lease a car. It has been advised by the community college that the car must go into the college motor pool even if the lease is paid for with CACFP funds, and, therefore, it may not be available when needed by the SO. May the car be leased/titled in the SO’s name, rather than the college?

A. Yes. However, the SO could not claim all of the costs to the CACFP if it is used by other departments. If having the car titled to the SO is a way to avoid this problem, this is an allowable alternative.

8. Q. A Native American Tribe shares income from various programs with each member of the tribe. Each person in a household gets $125 a month. Should it be reported as income on the Income Eligibility Forms?

A. Yes. Page 31 of the Eligibility Guidance states that any money that may be available to pay for a child’s meal is to be counted as income.