Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-182

Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memoranda

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

Attached are questions and answers that have been received from State Agencies and Field Offices since our memorandum, SFSP-175, dated September 16, 1992. Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further clarification.

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Attachment
1. Q. Are Curly-Cue potatoes (100 percent potato) creditable in the SFSP? If so, how is the serving size per purchase unit determined?

   A. Use the frozen french fries calculations in the Food Buying Guide since it is a very similar product and this is the closest thing we have to the Curly-Cue product.

2. Q. Is the cost of "other" foods such as ice cream and potato chips allowable program costs?

   Yes. The Regulations do not state how to pay for "other" foods but they do suggest that they be added to the menu for extra calories and nutrients.

3. Q. In order to reduce waste, a school site serving breakfast allows children to choose their fruit (orange, apple, banana or juice). The other components of the meal are the same for all children. Is this allowable since children are not being served the same meal?

   A. Yes, as long as there is no discrimination against children and they are not pressured to make a certain choice.

4. Q. A school district that has a year-round school program wants to feed off-track children in the SFSP, using the same facility they use for NSLP children. Can this be done? What about meal counting and accountability?

   A. If the school wants to feed the off-track SFSP children in the same feeding facility as the NSLP children, they may do so. They must ensure that the SFSP children are counted accurately and receive all necessary meal components since offer versus serve is not allowed. All SFSP costs must be tracked separately from NSLP costs.

5. Q. Can a State Agency (SA) require sponsors to use the formula in FNS Instruction 796-4 to determine food costs?

   A. Yes, a SA can require more than what is stated in FNS Instructions, policy, or Regulations; however, the SA may not require anything that is contrary to FNS Instructions, policy, or Regulations, nor can the SA policy restrict participation to an otherwise eligible sponsor.

6. Q. A sponsor has a site that is a shelter workshop for disabled children that is also an open site for community children. They currently have shift feeding; area children eat first outside and an hour later the disabled children eat inside. The main reason they are separated is to spare the disabled children from cruel comments or possible abuse/molestation from the area children. Another reason is they do not believe they would be able to transport the disabled children outside to feed them. Is this allowable?
A. No, it is not. If there is a capacity problem, they may feed in shifts but they cannot separate the children according to ability or disability. They must serve everyone at the same location - inside or outside. In addition, the sponsor may need to have more site personnel approved and available during meal services to prevent negative behavior and protect the disabled children from abuse.

Q. This same sponsor is serving breakfast only to the disabled children and wants to claim the meals under SFSP. Can the breakfasts meals be claimed?

A. The breakfasts meals can be claimed only if the sponsor opens up the meal service to all children in the area.