Reply to
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Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Questions and Answers

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-182, dated February 3, 1993. Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further clarification.

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1. Q. Can a State Agency (SA) require sponsors to use the formula in FNS Instruction 796-4 for determining food costs?
   A. Yes. The SA may require more than what is stated in FNS Instructions, Policy, and Regulations as long as it is not contrary to Regulations.

2. Q. A college has a contract with a commercial Food Service Management Company (FSMC) for year-round food service. Does the FSMC have to register for the SFSP?
   A. Not if the FSMC will service only the college in question.

3. Q. Is a college that owns and operates its own food service considered a self preparation site?
   A. Yes.

4. Q. Can the Boy Scouts of America be a sponsor in the SFSP?
   A. Yes. They would be considered a Private Nonprofit (PNP) sponsor if they are not a residential camp.

5. Q. A PNP sponsor has a contract with a public hospital for a senior citizens program and wants to use the hospital as a vendor for its SFSP. May the sponsor do this?
   A. Yes, since this is a public hospital. However, the hospital would have to register as a FSMC. Reference SFSP-131 for a similar question.

6. Q. A site has proposed transporting children and meals from an eligible low income area to a lake site which is not in a low income area. Meals would be eaten at the lake site. Is this allowable?
   A. This site would have to be an enrolled program meeting the 50 percent requirement. If children at the lake area are allowed to participate, they must also enroll in the program. The media release would have to be closely reviewed for adequacy during the application process.
7. Q. A summer school site at a high school is not located in an eligible low income area. Can this site be an enrolled site?
   A. Yes. However, the sponsor must announce the program for surrounding community children as well as summer school participants and at least 50 percent of the children would have to be income eligible.

8. Q. A low income housing project with approximately 100 children, 80 of whom are income eligible, is located in an area that is not income eligible. Can this site be an enrolled site limited to these children?
   A. Yes.

Q. If a school district is the sponsor of the above site, could the sponsor use National School Lunch Program Free/Reduced data to establish eligibility?
   A. Yes.

9. Q. What type of documentation is required for migrant sites to participate in the SFSP?
   A. A sponsor of a migrant site needs only to have written certification from a migrant organization which attests that the site serves children of migrant farmworker families. If the site also serves non-migrant children, the sponsor must certify that the site predominantly serves migrant children.

10. Q. Does a FSMC have the right to monitor or review Free and Reduced Priced Applications for the SFSP?
    A. No. The applications are confidential and only authorized sponsor, SA, and USDA personnel may review them. The FSMC is only responsible for preparing meals. Sponsors may not delegate or contract out management responsibilities for the SFSP.