Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-288

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

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH,
(Child Nutrition Programs) 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-271,
dated June 25, 1995. Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359
if you need further clarification.

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Attachment
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
May 1996

1. Q. Can a National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) serve meals on weekends?
   A. Yes. If the State Agency (SA) approves such meal service.

2. Q. Can a camp director claim mileage from his/her home to the camp as an administrative cost?
   A. No.

3. Q. When computing the number of allowable second meals for the month, is the resulting number rounded up or down?
   A. Use the rules of rounding. If it is 0.5 or more, round up; if it is 0.4 or less, round down.

4. Q. Can the cost of second meals above the allowed 2 percent level be claimed?
   A. No. These meals are considered ineligible meals. However, the sponsor could consider serving larger portions or second items, or seek other sources to cover any additional costs for serving second meals.

5. Q. Can a school using nutrient standard menu planning (NuMenus) use this system for the SFSP?
   A. NuMenus may be used starting July 1, 1996 with SA approval. If the Program begins prior to this date, it would not be practicable to use NuMenus for the 1996 Program since it would necessitate using two meal planning systems (the SFSP requirements prior to July 1, and NuMenus after July 1).

6. Q. Can NuMenus be applied to meals for all children?
   A. No. Snacks and meals for children under 2 years of age must be planned using the SFSP meal requirements.
7. Q. How would a reviewer check production records for
breakfasts and lunches based on NuMenus?

A. The reviewer would have to assess the nutrient
analysis for the meals for the last completed week
prior to the review week, unless FCS issues other
guidance.

8. Q. If an area is 49.7 percent needy, can this be
rounded up to 50 percent?

A. No.

9. Q. A school site is planned which will cover an area
covered by two census tract areas. One meets the
50 percent criteria; however, the second is less
than 50 percent, and the average of the two is less
than 50 percent. Can the site be approved only on
the higher criteria?

A. No. Eligibility is based on the area from which
the site draws its attendance. If school or census
data does not establish site eligibility, the
school may need to be encouraged to become an
enrollment site.

10. Q. Is a sponsor required to feed children under 6
years of age?

A. Yes. The Program is for children under the age of
18. The exception is with children under 1 year
old. The site must have SA approval to feed
infants.