Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-309

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

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - (Child 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 since our memorandum, SFSP-296, dated July 2, 1996.
Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further
clarification.

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Attachment
1. Q. If a day camp is sponsored by a private nonprofit (PNP) sponsor, is that sponsor and site subject to Federal PNP requirements and is the nonresidential day camp subject to the Federal PNP review schedule?

A. Yes.

2. Q. If an application is received before the June 15th Regulation cut-off date, does the application need to be approved before June 15th?

A. No. It only needs to be received before that date. The application needs to be date stamped as received by that date. The State Agency (SA) should maintain documentation that it is working within the 15-day time frame.

3. Q. Regarding racial/ethnic information gathering required as part of Civil Rights compliance, can the SA accept information in the form of a percentage for "potential beneficiaries"? FCS Instruction 113-8 states that the "number" must be obtained.

A. Yes. The SA can accept the potential beneficiaries in the form of a percentage. Some sources may only give this information as a percentage. However, the second part of the information gathering asks for "actual number of participants". This must be raw numbers, rather than a percentage. This is based on an actual head count of participants.

4. Q. A religious organization which is an SFSP feeding site wants to require attendance at a religious meeting prior to or following the meal, and/or say grace prior to lunch. Is this permissible?

A. The service of a Federally funded meal cannot be withheld because of non-attendance at a meeting. However, it would be permissible to have a prayer prior to the meal, but no person could be required to participate in that prayer.
5. Q. In paying sponsors, may the SA round to the nearest dollar?

A. No. The SFSP is an entitlement program; therefore, the sponsors are entitled to full payment.