Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memorandum #12-98: Time Restrictions for Meal Service at Migrant Sites

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

To be eligible for SFSP reimbursement, sponsors must comply with the time restrictions for meal service that are specified in Section 225.16(c) of the Regulations, and serve meals and supplements during approved meal service periods. Food and Nutrition Service is concerned, however, that these requirements may pose an additional barrier for sponsors serving children of migrant farm workers, particularly in communities where children accompany their parents to the fields, and where youths are also involved in agricultural work.

Therefore, this memorandum permits State Agencies (SAs) to waive any of the time restrictions found in Sections 225.16(c)(1) and 225.16(c)(2) for sponsors of sites that primarily serve migrant children. It is our hope that adding flexibility in scheduling meal services will enable those sponsors to reach more eligible children and teenagers who may not otherwise have access to the SFSP. Please note that this action does not change SA and sponsor responsibilities to ensure that the period of meal service, and any changes to the meal service are approved, and that appropriate arrangements are made for monitoring the Program.

As with other waiver activities, States will be required to report any waivers they grant for meal time restrictions at migrant sites. By October 1, 1998, SAs should report to the Regional Office the number of sponsor and sites approved with this waiver.

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