Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-357

Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memorandum #4-99: Private Non-Profit Sponsors Procuring Meals from Commercial Vendors

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

This memorandum incorporates changes from Public Law 105-336, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, signed on October 31, 1998. The law removed the provision that prohibited private non-profit sponsors from contracting with commercial vendors or non-profit entities for the preparation of SFSP meals. This memorandum is a revision of Policy Memorandum SFSP-331, issued on March 12, 1998, and is effective beginning October 1, 1998, the effective date of the law.

The statute as amended now allows private non-profit organizations participating in SFSP to purchase meals from commercial vendors. This gives private non-profit organization sponsors the same flexibility as other types of sponsors to prepare their own meals or to purchase unitized meals from schools, public facilities, or commercial vendors. It is hoped that removing the prohibition on commercial contracting will improve Program access.

We want to emphasize that sponsors must comply with applicable Federal, as well as State and local procurement standards. There are no waiver request or reporting requirements with this memorandum.
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If you have any questions, please contact our office at (303) 844-0359.

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