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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #04A-12, #05C-12 and #06H-12**
Child and Adult Care Food Program: Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

The proposed rule titled *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010* was issued on April 9, 2012, and can be found at the following link:
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/Regs-Policy/policymemo/CACFP_Amendments_Rule.pdf.

This rule proposes to codify several provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 that affect the management of the CACFP. Following is a summary of the proposed changes:

- require institutions to submit an initial CACFP application to the State agency and, in subsequent years, periodically update the information in lieu of submitting a new application;
- require sponsoring organizations to vary the timing of monitoring reviews of sponsored facilities;
- require State agencies to develop and provide for the use of a standard permanent agreement between sponsoring organizations and unaffiliated day care centers;
- allow tier II day care homes to collect household income information and transmit it to the sponsoring organization;
- modify the method of determining administrative payments to sponsoring organizations of family day care homes by basing payments on a formula; and
- allow sponsoring organizations of family day care homes to carry over up to 10 percent of their administrative funding from the previous fiscal year into the next fiscal year.

In addition to the above, this rule also proposes to incorporate several changes to the application and renewal processes which are expected to improve the management of the CACFP, as well as to make a number of miscellaneous technical changes.

All CACFP institutions are encouraged to review the proposed rule and take the opportunity to provide comment directly to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In order to be assured of consideration, all comments must be received by the USDA on or before June 8, 2012. The addresses to which comments must be sent (electronic/preferred method, regular U.S. mail and hand delivery/courier) are provided on page 21018 (top of column two) of the document.

Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080.

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