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MEMORANDUM

TO: 2020 SFSP/SSO and CACFP Participants
FROM: DCCECE / HNU
DATE: 09/23/2020
SUBJECT: Clarification Instructions Concerning SFSP/SSO and CACFP At Risk Waivers

This is news from the USDA concerning the recent waivers. This Mass alert will clarify the instructions concerning SFSP/SSO and CACFP At Risk.

USDA MEMO CODE: (SP25-CACFP14-2020, SFSP14-2020)

CACFP At-Risk must match what the school is doing in the community.

1. If the school is having classes every day, then CACFP At-Risk must provide meals daily. There can no longer be a multi-day pick-up. (Even if part of the school is virtual) The options for "Grab and Go" is available. The meal service must be daily and cannot start until after the school day ends.
2. Parents of students who have chosen "Virtual School" can come by the school and pick meals every day.
3. **If your "Waiver Approval" allowed for "Multi-day Pick-up" and your school is operating every day, then your approval for "Multi-day Pick-up" is immediately rescinded.**
4. If the entire school is virtual, i.e. "no classes being held on site" then "Multi-day pick-up" is available as long as the process ensures that all factors are in place to ensure the safety of the meals and the integrity of the program. **YOUR WAIVER MUST BE APPROVED FOR MULTI-DAY PICK-UP.**
5. If the School is serving an At-Risk snack through NSLP, a Non-Profit provider can provide the Supper meal, but not another Snack.

SFSP for Non-profit Providers

1. All Schools in Arkansas are either serving meals through NSLP (National School Lunch Program) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO).
2. The memo from USDA requires that there be a **"clear gap in service that the Non- SFA (School Food Authority) applicant proposes to meet"**. It is the State Agency's requirement to "maintain integrity" and "target resources appropriately." The State Agency (Arkansas DHS/DCCECE) must ensure that there is no duplication of services. Based on this requirement there must be a clear justification from a Non-Profit before

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approval will be granted to operate SFSP. It is the opinion of DHS/DCCECE that if a school is operating either NSLP or SSO in a community that coverage is sufficient for that community. Without a clearly defined “Gap in Services” DHS/DCCECE will not be approving Non-Profits to operate SFSP.

COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #55
PARENT/GUARDIANPICK-UP

1. This response clearly states **“State agencies must have a plan for ensuring that Program operators are able to maintain accountability and program integrity. This includes putting in place processes to ensure that meals are distributed only to Parents and guardians of eligible children, and that duplicated SFSP or SSO meals are not distributed to any child”**.
2. The DHS/DCCECE has developed the attached Parent/guardian pick-up form that must be filled out by all parent/guardians picking up meals for children.