



Food and  
Nutrition  
Service

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SUBJECT: Lapse in FY2019 Appropriations and Impacts for the  
Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service,  
Child Nutrition Programs

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TO: Regional Directors  
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The second continuing resolution for fiscal year 2019 (P.L. 115-298) expired on Friday, December 21, 2018. Due to a lapse in appropriations for the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) an orderly partial shutdown of operations has resulted.

We understand the uncertainty that these circumstances present for FNS customers and partners nationwide. Effective today, many FNS staff will be furloughed pending reinstatement of funding by Congress, and will not be available by phone or email. They cannot carry out normal work functions until funding is restored.

However, under the terms and conditions of a prior continuing resolution (P.L. 115-245), funding has been provided for the Child Nutrition Programs at least through January. The Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and State Administrative Expenses.

State agencies are expected to continue to administer the program in accordance with Federal statute and regulations. Please direct any questions regarding the lapse in funding to your Regional Office.

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