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At-Risk Afterschool Meals for All States

December 16, 2010



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Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- On December 2, 2010, Congress passed a bill reauthorizing the Federal Child Nutrition Programs.
- Signed into law by President Obama December 13, 2010.
- The Act includes a provision that expands eligibility for at-risk afterschool meals to all States.



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Prior to the passage of Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, the following States were eligible to serve at-risk afterschool meals:

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Nevada
- New York
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Vermont
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- District of Columbia



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Effective October 1, 2010....

- All eligible institutions may claim reimbursement for serving eligible afterschool meals once a new or amended Program agreement has been executed.
- Institutions are reimbursed at the applicable free rate for all snacks or meals served.



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Meal Service

One meal and one snack per child per day may be served:

- After the school day or on weekends and vacations throughout the regular school year
- At any point during the afterschool program, even when children first arrive

States may implement policies regarding minimum time elapsed between snacks and meals.



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At-risk Afterschool Care Snacks...

- The eligibility rules are the same for both the snack and meal programs.
- State agencies also can make it easier for schools to participate.
 - Schools are not required to develop a management plan and
 - May submit an addendum to their existing school lunch agreement



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Eligibility

- At-risk meals are available to children through age 18 (or any age if disabled) who are participating in an afterschool care program under the CACFP .
7 CFR § 226.17a (c)
- Institutions must be located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50 percent of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals.
7 CFR § 226.17a (i)
- The center must provide afterschool care and education or enrichment activities.
7 CFR § 226.17a (b)



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Recordkeeping

At-risk afterschool programs must maintain:

- Daily attendance rosters, sign-in sheets, or with State agency approval, other methods which result in accurate recording of daily attendance, and
7 CFR § 226.17a (o)
- Records on the number of snacks and/or meals prepared or delivered for each meal service
7 CFR § 226.17a (o)
- At-risk meal activity is reported on the FNS-44 in the “REMARKS” section
Reporting of At-Risk Meal Data on Form FNS-44, July 7, 2010



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Reviews

■ Sponsors

- 3 per year
- 2 unannounced
- 1 unannounced review of meal service
- No more than 6 months between reviews

■ States

- Annually review at least 33.3 percent of all institutions.
- At least 15 percent of the total number of facility reviews must be unannounced.



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Licensing

- Afterschool programs that are not required by State or local law to be licensed are only required to meet local health and safety standards.

7 CFR § 226.17a (d)



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Effective October 1, 2010

- The expansion of at-risk afterschool meals to all States is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2010.
- Institutions currently participating in the at-risk afterschool program that can document service of eligible meals may submit a claim for retroactive reimbursement.
- October, November and December claims should be submitted by February 28, 2011.
- States must finalize the retroactive claims and reporting by April 30, 2011.



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Next Steps....

- Share information about availability of meals with institutions and advocates
- Begin accepting applications for participation and amend agreements with currently participating institutions wishing to provide meals
- Discuss any questions or concerns with the Regional Office



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Implementation Tips

- State agencies that have administered the meals provision will share their experiences and ideas for outreach
 - Nevada
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - Wisconsin



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Questions?