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SUBJECT: Implementing the Revised Child Care Recipes

TO: Regional Directors
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The recipes from the 1999 publication *Child Care Recipes: Food for Health and Fun* for USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) have been revised to reflect the updated yields from the 2001 *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* and the 2003 Pen and Ink Changes (updates). These revised recipes, the 2006 *USDA Recipes for Child Care* have been standardized, edited for consistency, analyzed for nutrient content, and updated with Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points information based on the 2005 *Food Code Supplement*.

Child Care operations are encouraged to use the new recipes as soon as possible by downloading the updated recipes from the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI), Team Nutrition, or Healthy Meals Resource System web sites. The 2006 *USDA Recipes for Child Care* can be accessed alphabetically from http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/cc_recipe_index_alpha.htm or by recipe number from http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/cc_recipe_index_number.htm. At a future date, the 2006 *USDA Recipes for Child Care* will be distributed on CD-ROM with the introductory and supplementary text available in print. USDA is working towards writing a proposed rule on changes to the CACFP meal pattern to meet the Dietary Guidelines, so no print copies of the recipes will be provided at this time.

The 1999 *Child Care Recipes: Food for Health and Fun* are based on outdated food yields and food code recommendations. The 1999 recipes should not be used because a majority of the recipes no longer provide the quantity of food for crediting or nutrient values indicated and critical control points are outdated. To avoid using the outdated recipe version, child care operators should discard the 1999 Child Care Recipes. The revised recipes indicate either "Edited" or "Tested" and the year 2006 just below the yield section of the recipe. This allows easy confirmation that the most recent recipe is being used.

If you have questions about accessing the recipes at the website, please contact Virginia Webb or the Help Desk staff at the NFSMI at 1-800-321-3054. If you have technical questions or issues about the recipes or about the distribution of the new recipe publication, please contact Eileen Ferruggiaro or Janice Fabina at 703-305-2609.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley C. Garnett". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

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