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POLICY ALERT

Date: January 1, 2009

Reference: # SFSP 2010-01

To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

Subject: Extending Categorical Eligibility to Additional Children in a Household

Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

ACCOMPANIES Policy Alert SFSP 2009-09, *Addition of Item 4212 to the SFSP Handbook*.

Implementation

Immediately

Procedure

Add the following to the SFSP Handbook:

To increase access to the SFSP and streamline the application process, sponsors must extend eligibility for free meals to all children from households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

For households submitting Form H1531, *Child Nutrition Program Application*, with SNAP or TANF case numbers for some, but not all, of their children, the sponsor must certify all children listed as categorically eligible for free meals. Any income information on the application is disregarded.

NOTE: This does not extend to other categorically eligible categories such as the Head Start Program, Early Head Start Program or Even Start Program.

Authorization

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Memo CACFP 08-2009

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Community Operations office.

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice

