



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Special Milk Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #19-07
Special Milk Program Claims for Reimbursement and the Contaminated Milk Incident

This operational memorandum is directed towards National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsors that operate Special Milk Programs and to sponsoring institutions which operate Special Milk Programs *only*. The State Agency has received recent information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding Special Milk Programs which were unable to serve milk on March 29 and 30 due to the milk contamination issue. As you may recall, the Connecticut State Department of Education issued a notice to school superintendents on March 28 advising school districts to refrain from serving milk in schools until more information was available due to potential milk contamination. Further, NSLP sponsors were notified that meals served without milk would be reimbursable until further notice.

The USDA's Code of Federal Regulations, Part 215 for the Special Milk Programs, has no provisions allowing an alternate beverage to be served if milk is unavailable for the Special Milk Program. However, after contacting the regional office of USDA, special permission has been granted to Connecticut due to the circumstances. Therefore, Special Milk Programs may revise the March 2007 Claim for Reimbursement for those days (March 29 and 30) in which an alternate beverage was served due to the temporary unavailability of milk. Please note that in order to receive the adjusted payment, the revision to March's claim must be made prior to **May 30, 2007**.

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