

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Care Sponsors

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #11C-07 and #11H-07**
Final Rule – Disclosure of Children’s Free and Reduced Price Meals and
Free Milk Eligibility Information in the Child Nutrition Programs

Enclosed is the final rule titled *Disclosure of Children’s Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk Eligibility Information in the Child Nutrition Programs*, which became effective April 11, 2007.

This final rule establishes requirements for the disclosure of children’s free and reduced price meals or free milk eligibility information under the Child Nutrition Programs. The Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Within certain limitations, children’s free and reduced price meal or free milk eligibility information may be disclosed, without parental/guardian consent, to persons directly connected to certain education programs, health programs, means-tested nutrition programs, the Comptroller General of the United States and some law enforcement officials. Additionally, officials also may disclose children’s free and reduced price meal or free milk eligibility information to persons directly connected with State Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) [HUSKY in Connecticut] when parents/guardians do not decline to have their information disclosed.

These regulations affect State agencies and local program operators that administer the Child Nutrition Programs and households which apply for and/or are approved for free and reduced price meals or free milk. The disclosure provisions are intended to reduce paperwork for administrators of certain programs that target low-income households and for low-income households which may benefit from those programs by allowing some sharing of households’ free and reduced price meal eligibility information.

All CACFP institutions are advised to review the final rule [with special emphasis on pages 10885-10892 and 10897-10899] and retain it on file as an amendment to your copy of the CACFP regulations (7 CFR Part 226).

If there are questions, center sponsors may contact Susan Boyle at (860) 807-2074, Celia Cordero at (860) 807-2076 or Benedict Onye at (860) 807-2080. Homes sponsors may contact Susan Bohuslaw at (860) 807-2073.

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