

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

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #15C-07**
Final Rule – Afterschool Snacks in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Enclosed is the final rule titled *Afterschool Snacks in the Child and Adult Care Food Program*, which became effective August 30, 2007.

This final rule incorporates into the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) regulations the provisions of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, which authorized after school care centers meeting certain criteria to be reimbursed for snacks served to at-risk children 18 years of age and younger. This rule establishes the eligibility of at-risk after school care centers to serve free snacks to children who participate in after school programs. **CACFP after school at-risk centers must be located in the attendance area of a school where 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are certified as eligible to receive free or reduced price school meals.**

The intended effect of this rule is to support after school care programs through the provision of snacks that meet CACFP meal pattern requirements. The additional benefits provided by the 1998 reauthorization act and codified by this final rule were extended to institutions and children immediately after enactment. These changes were originally proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in a rulemaking published on October 11, 2000.

All CACFP institutions are advised to review the final rule and retain it on file as an amendment to your copy of the CACFP regulations (7 CFR Part 226).

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