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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) **For-Profit Child Care Centers**

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #08P-08
For-Profit Center Participation in the CACFP**

Enclosed is the final rule titled *For-Profit Center Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program*, which became effective November 22, 2006.

This rule authorizes for-profit centers providing child care or outside-school-hours care to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) based on the income eligibility of 25 percent of children in care for free or reduced price meals. This provision, which has been available nationwide through annual appropriation acts since December 2000, was permanently established by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. **It means that for-profit centers that provide child care or outside-school-hours care are permanently authorized to participate in the CACFP if 25 percent of the children in care are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the Program.**

It should be noted that when determining the monthly percentage of participants served, it is not permissible to "round up" the 25 percent calculations. For example, a center with 24.6% of its enrolled children eligible for free and reduced price meals would not be eligible for CACFP reimbursement during that month. A for-profit center must meet or exceed the 25% level each month in order to file a claim for CACFP reimbursement.

Questions regarding this memo may be addressed to Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at (860) 807-2076 or Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080.

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Attachment

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