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

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #07H-09
Meal Disallowance Policies for Family Day Care Homes in Child
and Adult Care Food Program

The purpose of this memo is to reaffirm that family day care homes claiming CACFP reimbursement must comply with all program requirements, including meal pattern requirements, immediately upon commencing participation in the program.

It has come to the attention of the United States Department of Agriculture that some sponsoring organizations have established "grace periods" for new day care homes that are not meeting meal pattern or other requirements in the early months of participation. Although errors, such as serving meals with missing components, may not rise to the level of serious deficiency for new homes, the ineligible meals must always be disallowed. We would like to emphasize the importance of training, early monitoring and technical assistance to ensure that new providers are able to serve reimbursable meals that meet meal pattern requirements. Questions can be addressed to Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073 or susan.bohuslaw@ct.gov.

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