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

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #02C-10 and #02H-10  
Exclusion of Military Combat Pay**

This memorandum provides guidance to Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions on the exclusion of military combat pay received by service members during a deployment from income eligibility determinations for:

- free and reduced price meals in CACFP centers; and
- tier status determinations for family day care homes.

This exclusion is authorized by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-80; October 21, 2009). The guidance contained within this memorandum replaces guidance previously issued in Operational Memorandum #07C-03 titled *Military Families and Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs* and dated June 18, 2003.

As set forth in the statute, **combat pay** is defined as an additional payment made under Chapter 5 of Title 37 of the United States Code, or as otherwise designated by the Secretary to be excluded, that is received by the household member who is deployed to a designated combat zone. Combat pay is excluded if it is:

- a. received in addition to the service member's basic pay;
- b. received as a result of the service member's deployment to or service in an area that has been designated as a combat zone; **and**
- c. not received by the service member prior to his/her deployment to or service in the designated combat zone.

A combat zone is any area that the President of the United States designates by Executive Order as an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat. As with other types of income commonly received by military personnel (such as the Basic Allowance for Housing or Basic Allowance for Subsistence payments), combat pay received by service members is normally reflected in the entitlements column of the military Leave and Earning Statement. Information regarding deployment to or service in a combat zone may also be available through military orders or public records on deployment of military units. Deployed service members are considered members of the household for purposes of determining income eligibility for the Child Nutrition Programs.

If there are any questions about this information, contacts are as follows:

Day Care Center Sponsors: Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080. Day Care Home Sponsors: Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073.

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