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

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #14C-10**
Child and Adult Care Food Program: At-Risk Afterschool Meals in Eligible States

The final rule titled *Child and Adult Care Food Program: At-Risk Afterschool Meals in Eligible States*, which became effective May 3, 2010, can be found at the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/Snacks/At-Risk_Meals_FR.pdf. All CACFP child care center 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).

This final rule amends the CACFP regulations to implement provisions from the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000; the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002; the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008; the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009; and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 that authorize reimbursement to eligible states for a meal (normally a supper) served by at-risk afterschool care programs in eligible states.

Connecticut has been added to the list of states selected to provide additional at-risk afterschool (supper) meals to eligible children. This allows the CACFP to provide the free reimbursement rate (currently at \$2.72 and \$.2025 for cash-in-lieu of commodities) for each at-risk supper served to children through age 18, who are participating in organized afterschool programs in eligible areas. Sites eligible for at-risk CACFP reimbursement must be located in area eligible towns, as determined by the Child Nutrition Unit. The area eligible school listing can be found at: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Nutrition/Area_Eligible_Schools.pdf.

With prior approval, afterschool care programs in area eligible locations may provide both at-risk snacks and suppers in the CACFP. Centers (sites) that have been previously approved to claim afterschool at-risk snacks can now also be approved to claim at-risk suppers. Institutions can also choose to participate only in the at-risk snack or at-risk supper program in the CACFP.

Institutions that are interested in participating in the CACFP at-risk snack program, at-risk supper program or both programs should contact the Child Nutrition Unit to obtain appropriate application forms and guidance. Requests for participation in the afterschool at risk meals program will be accepted continuously from today forward. All required forms and management plan revisions must be approved by the Child Nutrition Unit prior to claiming.

Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074.

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