

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director:

Please review the attachments and take the necessary action. The attached documents that are identified as SP XX-2012 are USDA memos that provide an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is emailed to the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director for your School Food Authority (SFA). The Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services new facsimile number is 515-242-5988.

**Sharing of Household Information with the *hawk-i*/Medicaid Program**

Public Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required by Iowa Administrative Code to release to the Department of Human Services Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*/Medicaid Program) household information for the students eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits who have expressed interest in learning about *hawk-i*. Non-public LEAs are encouraged but not required to release household information. Attached you will find the procedures and the timeline for reporting your information. If you have further questions, please contact Diana Weber at [Diana.weber@iowa.gov](mailto:Diana.weber@iowa.gov).

**SP 37-2012 Separation of Vegetables/Fruit in the Food Buying Guide for Child**

The *Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs* final rule was published on January 26, 2012. The final rule requires that fruits and vegetables be offered as separate meal components in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. This provision requires schools to offer all the vegetable subgroups identified by the 2010 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* over the course of the week in minimum required quantities as part of the lunch menus effective July 1, 2012, (SY 2012-2013). The revised Vegetables and Fruits Section addresses the new meal pattern requirements for the school meal programs by separating the section into two distinct subsections: Vegetables and Fruits. In addition, the revised vegetable subsection labels each vegetable with its appropriate vegetable subgroup (red/orange, dark green, beans & peas, starchy, or other) to assist school food authorities with meeting the new meal pattern. The revised Vegetables and Fruits Section of the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs can be accessed online: <http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov/resources/foodbuyingguide.html>

**SP 38-2012 Residential Child Care Institutions exception for safety if serving Multiple Age/Grade Groups**

This memorandum **allows Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs)** meeting certain requirements to serve one meal pattern even when the age/grades being served span more than one age/grade group. The age/grade groups are set forth in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal patterns.

**SP 39-2012 Existing Inventory of USDA Foods and Commercial Products**

This memorandum is written in response to questions recently received regarding food products from both the Department of Agriculture (USDA) foods and commercial vendors that, due to their portion sizes, pose challenges in fitting into the new National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal pattern.

**Revenue Tool**

Section 206 of Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 requires SFAs to annually compare food costs and revenue generated, specifically food costs and revenues of nonprogram items as a percent of the total food costs and revenue. If the SFA is not separately gathering information on nonprogram foods to complete the calculation, estimates may be used for school year 2011-2012 however additional methods need to be put in place to gather the necessary data for school year 2012-2013.

Sincerely,  
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