

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

The attached document that is identified as SP XX-2013 is a USDA memo that provides an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is also emailed to the Authorized Representative for your School Food Authority (SFA).

January 11, 2013 – Verification Summary Report Due

Verification Summary Report must be completed on the CNP 2000 system and is due January 11, 2013. The December and subsequent claims for reimbursement will be held if the Verification Summary report is not completed and submitted by this date. Attached are instructions on how to complete the Verification Summary Report.

January 2013 – 6-cent Certification Trainings

Additional 6-cent trainings are being planned in the following locations around the state in January. These trainings will cover the same information that was presented at regional trainings last fall. The trainings are for the food service director, menu planner and/or person responsible for filling out the USDA menu worksheets for submission through the CNP2000. Some of these sites are up on the DE calendar and open for registration right now, and others are currently being added. Please check the DE calendar for details.

1-3-13 Emmetsburg
1-7-13 West Des Moines
1-15-13 Clarion
1-16-13 Council Bluffs
1-22-13 LeMars
1-22-13 Independence
1-22-13 Letts
1-23-13 New Hampton
1-30-13 Cedar Rapids

**SP 11-2013 REVISED - FNS Guidance to School Food Authorities:
Flexibility in the Meat/Meat Alternate and Grain Maximums for School Year
2012-2013**

This memorandum is revised to include Questions and Answers (Q&As) that provide clarifications to questions we have received from State agencies and SFAs. In addition, the instructions that accompany the FNS-developed Certification Tool have been updated to reflect the provisions of this memo.

**SP 16-2013- Revised Meat/Meat Alternates and Milk Charts in the Food Buying
Guide for Child Nutrition Programs**

The revised Meat/Meat Alternates and Milk charts in the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* (FBG) can be accessed online at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/resources/foodbuyingguide.html>. Please check the FBG website often for updated FBG files.

SP 07-2013, SFSP 04-2013 - REVISED Summer Feeding Options for School Food Authorities

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the options available to school food authorities (SFA) for feeding children in the summer months through the Child Nutrition Programs administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). This memorandum also describes the simplified application and review procedures now available to SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) that wish to apply for participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Memo attached.

Sincerely,
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