

July 2, 2014

## **Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services – Monthly Updates and Reminders**

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director: This information was emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director. If you desire additional staff members to receive the monthly emails please send me their contact information and I will add them to the distribution list. Sincerely, Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant.

New Location on web page:

The Monthly Memos and Update - Schools are posted on our web page at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/quick-links-nutrition>.

### **IowaCNP**

The School Nutrition Program annual Program Application is due August 8, 2014 and is located on IowaCNP at <https://cnp.ed.iowa.gov/cnp/>. Log in names and passwords have been set up in IowaCNP for individuals that are identified in CNP2000 as the Authorized Representative or Food Service Director on the last application and were emailed on June 11, 2014. User names and passwords are assigned to individuals, not organizations and should not be shared. Access for additional staff who will complete this year's Program Application can be requested via the Access Request Form in the Download Form section of IowaCNP. The form can be accessed by clicking on Applications then Download Forms at the bottom of the menu. The Access Request Form is NSLP001. At this time we discourage requests for staff who may need access for non-application functions such as reporting or claiming because the login process is expected to move to the DE Portal this fall. We will keep you posted as additional functions such as claiming become active in SY14-15. Questions concerning access to IowaCNP or log in problems may be directed to Ellen Miller at [IDOE.Nutrition@iowa.gov](mailto:IDOE.Nutrition@iowa.gov).

### **Direct Certification**

Direct Certification will be accessed via the Iowa Education Portal using n A&A Account. Individuals responsible for accessing the monthly Direct Certification list will need to have a A&A Account and will want to complete the process if you don't already have one. Additional information will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

### **Food Safety Inspections in 2014-2015**

There will not be a fee charged to schools for the food license again this year. Two food safety inspections will not be guaranteed. Therefore schools need to continue the process of requesting food safety inspections if less than two are provided.

### **SP 46-2014, CACFP 12-2014, SFSP 18-2014: Disaster Response**

This memorandum supersedes SP 25-2012, CACFP 12-2012, SFSP 10-2012, *Disaster Response* and provides an overview of ways State agencies, school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Programs (SBP) can respond to situations resulting from damage or disruptions due to natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods as well as other exceptional emergency situations or man-made disasters.

### **SP 47-2014: Flexibility for Whole Grain-Rich Pasta in School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

USDA announces it is prepared to offer continued flexibility in offering whole grain-rich pasta products for those SFAs that removed previously popular pasta menu items that, when produced with whole grain-rich pasta, did not hold well or were not accepted by students (meaning students no longer

consumed or selected the popular item), and the SFA has demonstrated hardship in obtaining acceptable whole grain-rich pasta for that item. The State agency may approve the SFA's request to continue to serve enriched pasta during SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016, if acceptable products for previously offered items are not available or accepted by students. However, this flexibility is available only until acceptable products are available and identified and while the SFA can demonstrate a continued negative impact. Complete the [Flexibility for WGR Pasta Request Form](#) to request flexibility for not incorporating whole grain-rich pasta into your menus and email to Patti Harding at [patti.harding@iowa.gov](mailto:patti.harding@iowa.gov). An approvable request may state that the use of the new whole grain-rich pasta or the degradation of the new whole grain-rich pasta during the typical holding time negatively impacted the taste and texture of the product, and that the SFA received increased negative student or parent feedback as a result of this change.

### **SP 50-2014: Extension of the Deadline for Local Educational Agencies to Submit Applications to Elect the Community Eligibility Provision**

One important goal of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) is to ensure every American child has access to the nutrition they need to grow into healthy adults. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a powerful tool to ensure children in low income communities have access to healthy meals at school. USDA recognizes that many LEAs may need additional time to consider and apply for CEP. Accordingly, FNS is extending the deadline for LEAs to elect to participate in CEP in SY 2014-2015 until **August 31, 2014**. State agencies must accept any LEA elections submitted on or before that date.

### **SP 51-2014: Eligibility Effective Date for Directly Certified Students**

This memorandum addresses inquiries regarding flexibility in determining the effective date of eligibility for students who are directly certified to receive free meals or free milk in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the Special Milk Program (SMP). The following clarifications are consistent with the flexibility provided for determining the effective date of eligibility for applications in policy memorandum SP 11-2014, Effective Date of Free or Reduced Price Meal Eligibility Determinations (December 3, 2013)

### **SP 53-2014: Transition of Foods and Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value to Smart Snacks in School Standards**

This memorandum is to inform you that all Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value exemptions will end on June 30, 2014. Therefore, the attached list, Exemptions Under the Competitive Foods Regulation will become obsolete on July 1, 2014.

### **SP 23-2014: Questions and Answers Related to the "Smart Snacks" Interim Final Rule – Revised June 5, 2014**

Attached is the second in a series of Questions and Answers related to the interim final rule titled, "National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as Required by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010". This document will be updated periodically as additional questions arise during the implementation of the interim final rule (IFR) during School Year 2014-2015. Updated or new questions are identified parenthetically.

### **Non-Food Fundraising and Non-Food Rewards and Celebrations Resources**

Now posted on the DE Web Site: Please share! [Non-Food Fundraising](#) and [Rewards](#)  
Find resources devoted to non-food, no-cost and low-cost fundraising, classroom rewards and classroom celebrations. The resources are intended to support and complement the local school wellness policy to promote consistent messages about health and wellness throughout the school  
<https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/school-wellness>