

FY 2016 Bureau Notes –8/31/2016

New Meal Pattern Implementation

The plans for early implementation of the new CACFP meal pattern described in the 7/15/2016 and 8/12/16 Bureau Notes were adjusted in late August by the USDA Regional Office based on interpretation of a USDA Early Implementation Memo. A revised “Iowa CACFP Center New Meal Pattern Implementation Plan” is posted as form CACFPMP24 in IowaCNP Download Forms (IowaCNP [website](#) under Applications). The form is dated August 25, 2016 at the bottom of the page. Destroy any prior version of the form you have on file. Iowa will implement the five provisions described on the updated form under Option 1 starting 10/1/2016. This has been a moving target, so we apologize for the confusion.

The additional provisions of the new meal pattern are listed under Option 2 of the new form. Organizations may choose to implement all additional provisions of the new meal pattern before the deadline of 10/1/2017. This is a local decision. Enter the date you wish to implement all new meal pattern provisions on the “Iowa New CACFP Meal Pattern Implementation Plan” form. If you choose early implementation, it does not have to be completed by 10/1/2016, and can be done any time before 10/1/2017. While the State agency encourages early implementation, State agency approval is still required. Full implementation is required by all CACFP and schools organizations starting 10/1/2017.

If Option 2 is selected, you must check Option 2 on the form and indicate that you will include staff training on the new meal pattern in your FY 2017 training plan and monitor implementation. When complete, upload the “Iowa New CACFP Meal Pattern Implementation Plan” form to the IowaCNP application packet Attachment List as part of FY 2017 application renewal. The State agency will email notice of approval and upload the approved form to the “Attachment List.” If your plan is approved, the form can still be revised at a later date if needed (notify your consultant). If your organization does not choose to implement the new meal pattern before 10/1/2017, do not upload the form.

New meal pattern charts, menu forms, monitoring forms, the Infant Reimbursable Foods list, the Handy Guide to Creditable Foods, and other resources have been updated and are posted in Download Forms under Form ID CACFPMP. Be sure to download the forms and use them if you plan to implement Option 2.

A webinar was offered 8/26/16 on implementing the new meal pattern. The webinar was recorded and is posted on the [DE website](#). You may request a training certificate after viewing the recorded webinar by emailing Janelle.Loney@iowa.gov. The PowerPoint slides will be posted and can be used to train your staff.