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MEMORANDUM

TO: Institutions Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

FROM: Arnette Cowan, MS, RD, LDN
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SUBJECT: Reviews of Outside-School-Hours Care Centers, 226.19-02

Each Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsoring organization is required to monitor the program at all of its child and adult care facilities under Section 226.16(b) of program regulations for CACFP. This monitoring involves, among other things, assessing compliance with program meal pattern requirements and record-keeping requirements. The regulations require sponsoring organizations to visit outside-school-hours care centers six times each year, with the first review to take place in the first four weeks of operation.

Public Law 101-147, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 1989, enacted on November 10, 1989, made a number of changes to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Included in those changes was a provision which reduced, from six to three, the number of yearly reviews necessary for outside-school-hours care centers.

It has been agreed that six reviews each year are unnecessary, considering that: (1) outside-school-hours care centers operate primarily during the nine-month school year; (2) most schools operating outside-school-hours care centers also operate the National School Lunch Program and are familiar with meal patterns and other program requirements. Since this would be a reduction in an administrative burden and the publication of regulations implementing this provision has long been delayed, the law now will be implemented through this policy memorandum. Schools operating outside-school-hours care centers may now reduce their monitoring visits to each of their facilities to three times each year.

If you have questions, please contact your regional consultant.

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