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

From: Arnette Cowan, MS, RD, LDN
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Re: **Eligibility Status of For-Profit Centers After September 30, 2003**

This memorandum provides current information regarding the legislative provision affecting the eligibility of some for-profit child care centers to participate in the CACFP. Similar to the situation last fall, the provision of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, which allows some for-profit child care centers to participate in CACFP, will expire on September 30, 2003. As of October 1, 2003, those for-profit child care centers currently participating in CACFP because at least 25 percent of their enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, will no longer be eligible for Program participation.

For-profit centers currently eligible to participate in CACFP as a result of having at least 25 percent of enrolled children eligible for free or reduced price meals, may choose to continue to provide meal service after September 30, 2003, **at their own risk**. There is no guarantee that the provision will be extended or renewed, nor is there a guarantee if retroactive reimbursement for those for-profit centers would be available even if the provision were extended or renewed. A for-profit child care center that chooses to continue providing meal service must keep the appropriate records to document compliance with CACFP requirements, as these records would be needed to support a claim if the provision were to be extended or renewed and retroactive reimbursement authorized.

If you have any questions, please contact the your regional consultant.

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