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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: Age Limits for Children Receiving Meals in Emergency Shelters

Enclosed is the interim rule that amends the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) regulations to implement a provision of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, which raised the age limit for residents of emergency shelters who are eligible to receive CACFP meals to include children through age 18.

This rule also revises the definition of “emergency shelter” to:

- Extend eligibility to emergency shelters that provide temporary shelter and food services unaccompanied children through age 18 by removing the reference to homeless families;
- Remove the condition that the primary purpose of the emergency shelter must be the provision of temporary shelter and food services;
- Clarify that the sites of otherwise eligible public or private nonprofit organizations may participate as emergency shelters if the sites provide temporary shelter and food services to homeless children, and;
- Specify that a RCCI may participate in CACFP as an emergency shelter only if it serves a distinct group of homeless children who are not enrolled in the RCCI’s regular program.

Additionally, this rule updates the CACFP regulations to add emergency shelters to the definitions of Center, Child care facility, Free meal, Independent center, and Sponsoring Organization.

If you have questions, please contact your consultant.

Attachment

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