



**Child and Adult Care Food  
Program (CACFP)  
Presentation**



## At-Risk Afterschool Meals

- Section 122: Expansion of afterschool meals for at risk children
- Intent: Expands CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals to all States



## At-Risk Afterschool Overview

- Reimbursement for one meal and one snack in eligible at-risk afterschool care programs in all States
- Meals reimbursed at free rate



# At-Risk Afterschool Implementation

- Retroactive to Oct 1, 2010
- Retroactive sponsor claims due to State by Feb 28
- Retroactive State reports due to FNS by Apr 30



## At-Risk Afterschool Timeline

- Implementation guidance issued on Dec 17, 2010
- No revisions to regulations are needed
- Program handbook will be published in Spring 2011 with annual updates thereafter



# Nutrition and Wellness Goals

- Section 221: Nutrition and wellness goals in CACFP
- Intent: Improve the nutrition and wellness environment in CACFP facilities through updated meal patterns and technical assistance



# Meal Pattern Overview

- Requires USDA to review and update nutrition standards every 10 years
- Allows for fluid milk substitutes
- Requires water to be available throughout the day

# Meal Pattern Implementation

- IOM recommendations for CACFP released November 4, 2010
- Recommendations include
  - Meal pattern changes
  - Consultation with stakeholders
  - Phased approach to rulemaking





# Meal Pattern Timeline

- Stakeholder consultation Winter and Spring 2011
- Implementation guidance on milk and water provisions will be provided in Summer 2011
- Proposed rule Spring 2012
- Final rule Fall 2013

# Technical Assistance Overview

- Increased consumption of certain foods
- Reduce sedentary activities & increase physical activity
- Develop handbook in coordination with CDC





## Technical Assistance Timeline

- Held initial meeting with CDC in February 2011
- Develop Technical Assistance Plan by Summer 2011
- Develop and Publish Handbook by January 2012
- Ongoing technical assistance as needed



# Simplifying Area Eligibility

- Section 121: Simplifying area eligibility determinations in CACFP
- Intent: Allow use of all levels of school data for tiering determinations



## Area Eligibility Overview

- Institutions may now use public school data from elementary or secondary schools for FDCH tiering determinations
- Home must be located in the attendance area of any school with 50 percent or more students certified for free and reduced price meals



## Area Eligibility Implementation

- Effective Oct 1, 2010
- State agencies must provide sponsors with public middle and high school data
- Sponsors must reconsider FDCH classifications retroactive to Oct 1, 2010
- Retroactive sponsor claims due by Feb 28
- Retroactive State reports due by Apr 30



# Area Eligibility Timeline

- Implementation guidance issued on Dec 22, 2010
- Final rule Fall 2011



# Administrative Simplifications

- Section 331: Review of application material and permanent agreements
- Intent: To provide administrative relief to State agencies and sponsoring organizations

# Administrative Simplifications Overview

- Requires State agencies to use permanent agreements with institutions
- Requires one-time application with annual updates of information
- Removes Block Claim edit check and follow-up visit requirements
- Requires States to develop standard agreements between sponsors and facilities
- Requires varied timing unannounced reviews

# Administrative Simplifications Implementation

- All new agreements must be permanent and all existing agreements must be converted to permanent agreements
- Sponsors are no longer required to conduct block claim edit checks or resulting follow-up unannounced visits



# Administrative Simplifications Timeline

- Block claim guidance issued Dec 17, 2010
- Permanent agreements guidance issued Jan 14, 2011
- Remaining implementation guidance Spring 2011
- Permanent agreements Final Rule Fall 2011
- Proposed rule to address remaining provisions Fall 2011
- Final rule on remaining provisions Fall 2012

# Institution Appeals

- Section 332: State liability for payments to aggrieved CACFP institutions
- Intent: Provide fair and timely hearings in CACFP



# Institution Appeals Overview

- Requires States to provide fair and timely hearings through the serious deficiency process
- Requires States to pay all valid claims, from non-Federal sources, if hearing timeframes are not met
- USDA must provide written notice to a State 30 days before imposing liability under this provision.



# Institution Appeals Timeline

- Proposed rule Fall 2011
- Final rule Fall 2012



# Transmission of Income Forms

- Section 333: Transmission of income information
- Intent: Improve the likelihood that income forms will be returned



## Transmission of Forms Overview

- Allows FDCH providers to transmit income eligibility forms to sponsors
- Requires USDA to establish guidance for transmission of income eligibility statements from households to sponsors, including requirement for parental consent



# Transmission of Forms Timeline

- Implementation guidance will be issued in Spring 2011
- Proposed rule Fall 2011
- Final rule Fall 2012



# Administrative Payments to FDCH Sponsors

- Section 334: Simplifying and enhancing administrative payments to sponsoring organizations in CACFP
- Intent: Simplify the reimbursement system for FDCH sponsors



# Administrative Payments Overview

- Removes cost comparison
- Homes times rates reimbursement
- Allows sponsors to carry over up to 10 percent of their administrative funds into the next fiscal year

# Administrative Payments Implementation

- Effective Oct 1, 2010
- Retroactive Oct, Nov, and Dec 2010 claims based on homes times rates
- Sponsors remain responsible for correctly accounting for costs and maintaining records



# Administrative Payments Timeline

- Implementation guidance issued Dec 22, 2010
- Guidance on 10 percent carryover will be issued Spring 2011
- Proposed rule Fall 2011
- Final rule Fall 2012



# Audit Funding

- Section 335: CACFP audit funding
- Intent: Makes additional funding available to State agencies for Program improvement



## Audit Funding Overview

- Allows USDA to increase audit funding to eligible State agencies
- Directs USDA to establish eligibility criteria
- Maximum 2 percent of the CACFP funds used by each State agency during the second preceding fiscal year
- Requires the State agency to demonstrate it can effectively utilize this funding for Program improvement



# Audit Timeline

- Effective October 1, 2016
- There will be no implementation of this provision until FY 2016, after regulations have been published



# Paperwork Reduction

- Section 336: Reducing paperwork and improving program administration
- Intent: To provide administrative relief to State agencies, institutions and facilities



# Paperwork Reduction Overview

- Requires USDA to work with States and institutions to review and assess paperwork in CACFP and make recommendations for reducing paperwork
- Requires report to Congress on CACFP administrative and paperwork burdens



# Paperwork Reduction Timeline

- Meet with stakeholders to develop a work group process plan Winter 2011
- Convene Paperwork Reduction Work Group Fall 2011
- Submit report to Congress by Fall 2014



# Health and Wellness in Licensing

- Section 222: Interagency coordination
- Intent: To promote health and wellness in child care licensing



# Licensing Overview

- Requires USDA, in cooperation with DHHS, to encourage State licensing agencies to include criteria for nutrition and wellness standards in licensing standards



# Licensing Implementation

- Establishment of an inter-agency work group with CDC, Child Care Bureau and other DHHS agencies, and USDA in Winter 2011
- Development and implementation of action plan