

STUDIES & EVALUATIONS IN S. 3307

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Funded Studies in S.3307

- Sec. 103: Direct Certification for Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits
- Sec. 104(a): Eliminating Individual Applications through Community Eligibility – Universal Meal Service in High Poverty Areas
- Sec. 141: Community Hunger Research
- Sec. 223 Study on Nutrition and Wellness Quality of Child Care Settings
- Sec. 307 Indirect Costs



Unfunded Studies in S.3307

- Sec. 104 (g): Eliminating Individual Applications through Community Eligibility – Universal Meal Service Through Census Data
- Sec. 142: State Childhood Hunger Challenge Grants
- Sec. 143: Review of Local Policies on Meal Charges and Provision of Alternate Meals
- Sec. 204: Local School Wellness Policy Implementation
- Sec. 242: Procurement and Processing of Food Service Products and Commodities
- Sec. 337: Study Relating to the Child and Adult Care Food Program



Section 305: Program Evaluation

- Cooperation with Program Research and Evaluation:
 - “States, State education agencies, local educational agencies, schools, institutions, facilities, and contractors participating in programs authorized by this act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 shall cooperate with officials and contractors acting on behalf of the Secretary, in the conduct of evaluations and studies under those Acts.”



Direct Certification Using Medicaid

- Evaluation of the demonstrations looking at:
 - Effectiveness of directly certification with Medicaid
 - Potential to identify children eligible for free meals not directly certified using SNAP
 - Potential to identify children eligible for free meals based on a household application
 - Effect on Federal costs and participation in NSLP
- Interim Report – Oct. 1, 2014; Final Report – Oct. 1, 2015
- \$5 million available until expended



Universal Meal Service in High Poverty Areas

- For eligible schools/LEAs not electing provision
 - Estimate of the number of schools/LEAs
 - Barriers to participation
 - Changes needed to make option more appealing
- For eligible schools/LEAs electing provision
 - Estimate of the number of schools/LEAs
 - Comparison of the percent of enrolled F/RP students directly certified or categorically eligible in previous year to 1.6
 - Estimate of number/percent of schools/LEAS with more than 80% F/RP students electing provision



Universal Meal Service in High Poverty Areas

- Impact of electing to receive special assistance payments on:
 - Program integrity
 - Availability and type of breakfast program
 - Nutritional quality of school meals
 - Program participation
- Final Report – Dec. 31, 2013
- \$5 million available until expended



Childhood Hunger Research

- Competitive Contracts/Coop. Agreements/ Grants:
 - Examine causes of childhood hunger and food insecurity
 - The characteristics of households with childhood hunger and food insecurity
 - The consequences of childhood hunger and food insecurity
 - Effect on Federal costs and participation in NSLP
- \$10 million on Oct. 1, 2012 available until expended.



Childhood Hunger Research

- Evaluations of Demo Projects to End Childhood Hunger:
 - Enhance benefits under SNAP to eligible households with children
 - Enhance benefits/provide innovative delivery models in NSLP, CACFP, or afterschool snack program
 - At least one demo on an Indian reservation
 - Evaluations use rigorous experimental designs and methods to measure impact on participation, food security, and associated behavioral outcomes.
- Reports providing results and status of demonstrations due Dec. 31, 2013 with annual updates until last demo completed.
- \$40 million on Oct. 1, 2012 available until Sept. 31, 2017.


Study on Nutrition and Wellness Quality of Child Care Settings

- Nationally representative study of child care centers and family/group day care home (not just CACFP)
 - Nutritional quality of foods provided
 - Quantity and types of physical activity and amount of sedentary activities
 - Barriers/facilitators to meeting Dietary Guidelines and providing appropriate physical activity
 - Barriers/facilitators to participation in CACFP
- Within 3 years of enactment enter into a contract
- \$5 million available until expended



NSLP Indirect Cost Study

- Nationally representative study of SFAs and their indirect costs:
 - Allocation methods to establish indirect cost rates
 - Impact of indirect costs charged to SFA account
 - Types and amounts of indirect costs charged & recovered and if consistent with allocation plan
 - Types and amounts of allowable indirect costs not charged or recovered
- Report due Oct. 1, 2013
- \$2 million available until expended



Universal Meal Service Through Census Data

- Evaluations of demonstrations based on CNSTAT recommendations and/or socioeconomic surveys
 - Limited to no more than 5 LEAs for each alternative tested (no more than 3 LEAs for socioeconomic surveys)
 - Compare the accuracy of alternative methods with traditional application and meal counting/claiming procedures
 - Examine impact on participation and program administration
- No specified report date
- No money designated for these evaluations



State Childhood Hunger Challenge Grants

- Independent evaluations of demonstration projects
 - Uses rigorous experimental designs and methodologies
 - Measures impact on participation, food security, nutrition, and associated behavioral outcomes
 - Focus on level of childhood food insecurity in State
- Requires annual status reports beginning Dec. 31, 2011
- Authorized to appropriate such sums as necessary for FY 2011 – FY 2014

Review of Local Policies on Meal Charges and Provision of Alternative Meals

- Examine current policies and practices of SEAs and LEAs of providing to children without funds a meal other than the reimbursable meal
 - Report on the feasibility of establishing national standards for meals charges and provision of alternative meals.
 - ORA has included questions in the Special Nutrition Program Operations Study questionnaires (State and SFA level) to collect current policies & practices
- No specified reporting date and no funds made available



Local School Wellness Policy Implementation

- With CDC, prepare a report on the implementation, strength, and effectiveness of local school wellness policies
 - Analysis of strengths/weaknesses and how policies compare to model local wellness policies
 - Assessment of impact of wellness policies
 - Report to Congress by Jan. 1, 2014
- Subject to appropriations in FY 2011 (\$3 million)



Procurement and Processing of Food Service Products and Commodities

- Carry out a study to analyze the quantity and quality of nutritional information available to SFAs about food service products and commodities
- Develop model product specifications and purchasing practices
 - Examine results of the School Food Purchase Study –III
 - Additional questions added to the SFA questionnaire for the Special Nutrition Program Operations Study
- Report to Congress in Dec. 2011
- No funding provided



Study of CACFP Afterschool Supper Program

- Examines best practices of States in soliciting sponsors for an afterschool supper program
- Identifies any Federal or State laws or requirements that may be a barrier to participation in the program
- Report to Congress in Dec. 2011
- No funding provided