

USDA Update

School Nutrition Association
Annual National Conference
State Agency Meeting

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New Leadership

- Kevin Concannon, FNCS Under Secretary (pending)
- Janey Thornton, FNCS Deputy Under Secretary
- Julie Paradis, FNS Administrator
- Lisa Pino, FNS Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- \$100,000,000, to carry out grant program for NSLP equipment assistance
- Provided to States proportional to each State's SAE allocation
- States offer competitive grants based upon SFA need for equipment
- Priority given to school with at least 50% F/RP
- State agency reporting:
 - ARRA-specific FNS-425 due July 10 via FPRS
 - Second report due October 10 (in development)



NSLP Published Rules

- Verification
- HACCP
- Substitution of non-dairy beverages
- School Breakfast: Severe Need Assistance



NSLP Policy Memos

- Additional Administrative Reviews
- Food Safety Inspections
- 30-Day Carryover and Delayed Implementation for Provision 2



Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

- States notified of their total allocation (March)
- FNS held conference call with all regional offices to discuss the requirement of targeting low income schools (May)
- Developing toolkit
- FNS providing guidance and technical assistance



CACFP

Forthcoming :

- Child Care Assessment Project report
- Supper Final Rule



Summer Food Service Program

- Rural Transportation Grant report
- 2009 SFSP Rates Published
- Updated Q&As from December 2008 SFSP National Conference

Seamless Summer Option

- Updated Q&As



2009 Administrative Review and Training (ART) Grants

- \$16 million available for FY 09
- FY 2009 process involves two funding methods: SAs may apply for one or both funding methods
- Method I – Administrative Reviews - completed
- Method II – Training and Oversight – under review



2009 Direct Certification/Direct Verification Grants

- \$2.3m available for FY 09
- Eligible applicants
 - State agencies that administer SN, Food Stamp or Medicaid Program
- Grant applications due July 15
- www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Grants.htm



Direct Verification with Medicaid

- Second year of DV-M pilot study completed
- New phase of study will assist additional States
- 5 meetings and 3 webinars discussed lessons learned; helped determine feasibility, potential barriers, possible solutions, identify resources and formulate action
- One-on-one technical assistance being provided for several States through contractor



Procurement Training

- Topic 1: General Requirements and Responsibilities
 - December 2008
 - Available to NSLP/SBP States
- Topic 2: How Procurement Works
 - Planning, executing and administering competitive procurements
 - To be released late 2009
- Topic 3: Special Considerations
 - To be released late 2009



IOM's Review of Meal Patterns and Nutrition Standards

- Phase II will have specific recommendations.
- Report to be released by December 2009, at which time FNS will review recommendations and begin rulemaking.
- IOM study expanded to provide recommendations for the CACFP, to begin at completion of Phase II report.
- CACFP committee to include existing and new members.
- CACFP report expected in October 2010.

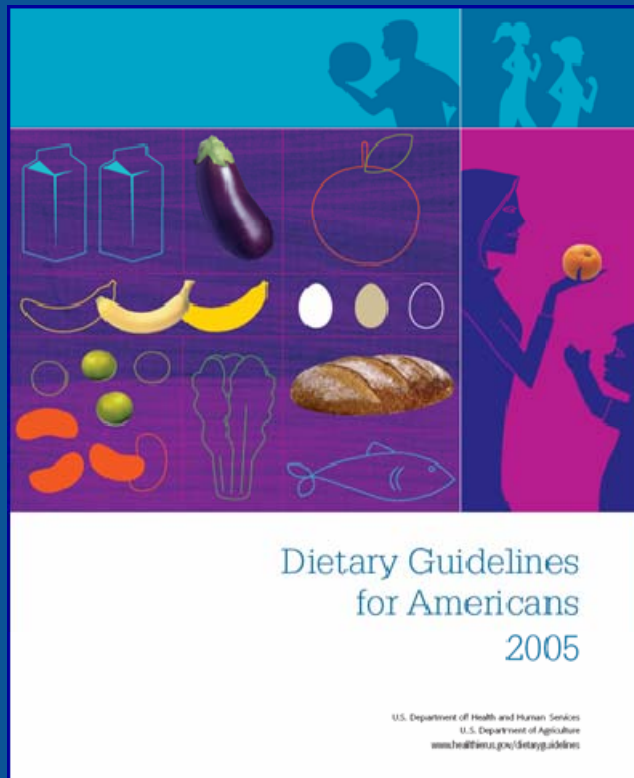


HealthierUS School Challenge

- 571 elementary schools have received bronze, silver or gold awards
- Updated criteria January 1, 2009
 - Includes Gold with Distinction award



Updated Criteria



- Reflect 2005 Dietary Guidelines and the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) published recommendations (April 2007)



New Resources

- Updated criteria, new online application and other resources are available online at www.teamnutrition.usda.gov
- Secondary school criteria being developed (Fall 2009)



Reauthorization 2009

Preparing USDA

- President's Budget: \$10 billion over 10 years
 - End childhood hunger
 - Reduce childhood obesity and improve children's diets
 - Raise program performance to better serve our children
- Current Status



Key School Meals Issues

- Increase funding
- Eliminate reduced price category
- Establish national nutrition standards for all foods sold at school
- Expand Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Require more dietary preference options



Key CACFP Issues

- Require States to issue administrative advances
- Allow reimbursement for a third meal
- Eliminate or simplify block-claiming and 5-day reconciliation requirements
- Require USDA to conduct monitoring rather than facilitating annual audits from each State for a multi-state sponsor
- Eliminate two-tier system; single reimbursement rate
- Expand pilot for at-risk Program suppers



Key SFSP Issues

- Reduce area eligibility to 40 percent
- Allow schools to use summer feeding funds for meals during school breaks, when school is not in session
- Provide SFSP funding for alternative summer meals, not provided through traditional methods



Recently Released School Lunch / School Breakfast Studies

- Dietary Quality of American School-Age Children by School Lunch Participation Status: Data from NHANES 1999-2004
- Accuracy of LEA Processing of School Lunch Applications – Regional Office Review of Applications (RORA) 2007
- Direct Certification in the National School Lunch Program: State Progress in Implementation – Report to Congress
- Direct Verification Pilot Study – Second Year Report

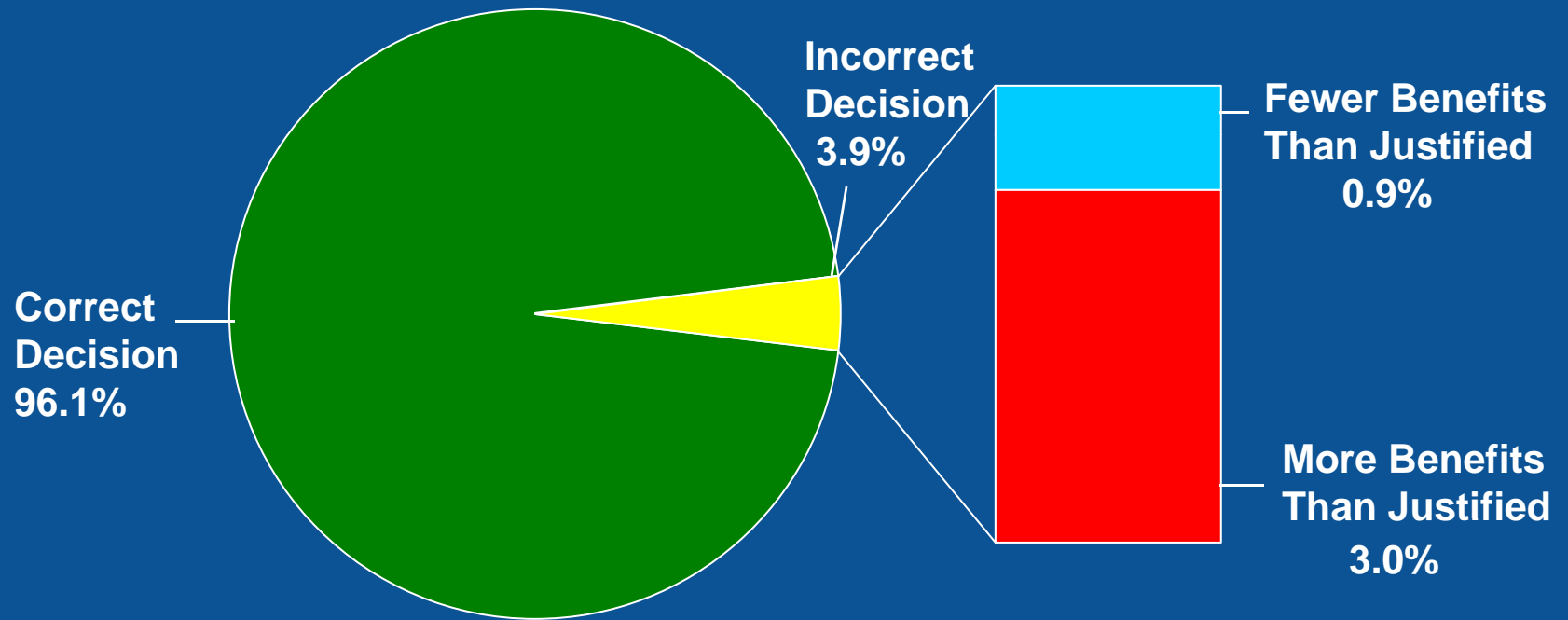


Dietary Quality of American School-Age Children by NSLP Participation Status

- Diets of most school-age children in the U.S. are generally nutritionally adequate.
- Concern about excessive intakes of saturated fat and sodium and inadequate consumption of nutrient dense foods high in fiber.
- Usual diets of NSLP participants were better in some ways and worse in other ways compared to nonparticipants. Some varied for low-income and higher-income children
- NSLP participants NOT more likely to be overweight than nonparticipants.



Accuracy of LEA Eligibility Certification Determinations Among Approved and Denied Applicants School Year 2006/07



Direct Verification Pilot Study – Second Year Report

- Evaluated feasibility and effectiveness of direct verification with Medicaid data in SY 2006-07 and SY 2007-08
- Report examines States' methods using Medicaid data to directly verify students for F/RP meals, including implementation challenges and effectiveness



Selected New FY 2009 Studies

- School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study (SNDA – IV)
- School Food Purchase Study –III
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Evaluation
- Estimating Children Eligible for School Meals Using the American Community Survey
- High Risk Indicators of Certification Error in the NSLP



Questions & Comments





Thank you!

