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SUBJECT: Extension of 2010 Sponsor Application Deadline

TO: Regional Directors
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This memorandum allows an exception to the June 15, 2010, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsor written application deadline. It provides Regional offices authority to grant waivers of the deadline for new sponsors that propose to use emergency contingency funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program to support summer meal services in needy areas that would otherwise not be served, during 2010.

Section 225.6(b)(1) establishes the deadline for sponsors to submit their written applications by June 15 and allows State agencies to establish even earlier deadlines. Since State, territory, and tribal agencies administering TANF apply for emergency funds by fiscal quarter, there may be circumstances where local service institutions will not have access to these funds until the final quarter of the 2010 fiscal year, after the SFSP application deadline has passed. While State agencies have authority to allow existing sponsors to amend their applications and agreements to add sites, requests for waiver will be required for applications from new sponsors submitted after June 15, 2010.

This waiver requires Regional office approval. It is intended to be applied specifically in situations involving TANF funding, and only when there is assurance that the new sponsor will receive adequate training, technical assistance, and monitoring. To enable those prospective sponsors to participate, State agencies may submit requests for waiver of the 2010 deadline to the Regional office.

We continue to encourage States to explore options for using TANF emergency contingency funds to promote wider access for children to summer meal service sites.

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Please work with TANF agencies in your States to partner and support sponsors that provide meals for TANF-eligible children through SFSP. If State agencies have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact the Regional office.

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