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Reply to Attn. of: CACFP-341

Subject: Family Day Care Home (FDCH) Providers Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) While Operating a Home School

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Special Nutrition Programs) - Colorado DH, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH, Montana DHES, Nebraska ED, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming ED

Policies have been issued in the past concerning home schools and their eligibility to participate in the CACFP. Policy CACFP-314, question number 6, and CACFP-322, question number 4, address the purpose of home schools and their eligibility to participate in the CACFP. The philosophy contained in these two policies is that home schools exist for the purpose of providing academic education rather than day care to children. Due to various State Agency situations involving home schools, it has been decided to issue policy contained in the following paragraphs concerning home schools that supercedes the above mentioned questions.

A FDCH provider offering a "home school" who wishes to participate in the CACFP must be licensed as a FDCH provider. In addition, children other than the provider's own must be in attendance and participate in the meal service in order for the FDCH provider to be eligible to participate in the CACFP. If academic instruction hours are at the provider's option, the home could be approved for CACFP unless there is a state regulation or policy that would prohibit such approval.

There is no restriction for the number of meals a FDCH provider operating a home school claims as long as they are approved by the Sponsoring Organization, follow CACFP Regulations, and do not violate state regulation or policy.

We appreciate the questions brought up by State Agencies regarding this subject. As with any issue, if you have questions about policy or if a policy contradicts your understanding of the issue, please contact a member of my staff so that a resolution of the issue can be reached.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact a member of my staff at (303) 844-0359.

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