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SUBJECT: Questions & Answers on the Final Rule, "Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs"

TO: Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

State Directors  
Child Nutrition Programs  
All States

Attached are Questions & Answers on the final rule to update the school meals offered under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This guidance addresses the final rule overall, and includes questions on general and specific aspects of the new meal requirements. This document is updated periodically to issue additional Questions & Answers as they arise during the implementation of the new meal requirements.

This revision includes a Table of Contents (the PDF bookmarks each section), as well as revised or new Questions & Answers. In addition, two sections ("Miscellaneous" and "Compliance") were deleted and their content moved to other sections. The revisions are not identified in italic letters, as previously done, but a summary of the changes to each section is provided below:

General:

- Added question number 6 (previously listed under "Miscellaneous")

Fruits and Vegetables:

- Added questions number 39 to 43

Meat/Meat Alternate:

- Added question number 8

Grains:

- Revised question number 2 and added questions number 21 to 24

Milk:

- Revised questions number 1 and 3, and added question number 4

Calories:

- Added question number 4

Menu Planning:

- Revised question number 9 and added questions number 10 to 15

Age/Grade Groups:

- Added question number 3

Nutrient Analysis:

- Added questions 3, 4 and 5 (previously listed under “Compliance”)
- Added question number 6

Crediting:

- Added questions number 8 to 13

Other Child Nutrition Programs: (previously titled “Summer Meals”)

- Revised and added question number 6 (previously listed under “Miscellaneous”)

These Questions & Answers and other materials related to the new meal requirements are available on a special webpage on the FNS website:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

We appreciate all you do for the School Meal Programs and look forward to continue working with you to improve the nutrition of America’s children. State agencies are reminded to distribute this memo and attachment to program operators immediately. SFAs should contact their State agencies for additional information. State agencies may direct any questions concerning this guidance to the appropriate Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office.



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Attachment