**2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM**

The Special Milk Program is available to schools that do not have any other federally funded meal program or to children in the district’s half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs **where children do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.**

Several options are available when operating the Special Milk Program.

*Pricing Program* means a program that sells milk to children. This shall include any such program in which maximum use is made of Program reimbursement payments in lowering or reducing to “zero” wherever possible the price per half pint which children would normally pay for milk per 7CFR§215.2(t).

**Option 1.** Operate a *pricing program* with free milk. Children who are not eligible to receive their milk at no charge must purchase the milk (children eligible for reduced price meals do not receive their milk free). Sponsors are reimbursed at the **paid** rate for half pints of milk served to children who pay for their milk. Sponsors are reimbursed for the **actual weighted cost** of the milk served to children eligible to receive free milk.

**Option 2.\*** Operate a *pricing program* **without** free milk. Sponsors receive only the **paid** rate of reimbursement; there is no free reimbursement rate.

*Nonpricing program* means a program that does not sell milk to children. This shall include any such program in which children are normally provided milk, along with food and other services, in a school or childcare institution financed by a tuition, boarding, camping or other fee, or by private donations or endowments per 7CFR§215.2(p).

**Option 3.** Operate a *nonpricing program*. Under this option, only the **paid** rate of reimbursement may be claimed. All enrolled children, of appropriate ages, are served free milk and the school absorbs any additional cost beyond the current reimbursement rate of **$0.1925**.

\*If option 2 is selected, determine the price of milk by using the milk price calculation worksheet.

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