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| **Program** | **Regulation** | **Description** |
| Direct Cert | Frequency of Matching | Matching must be done 3 times per year |
| Direct Cert | Benchmarks | Requires 80% of eligible students to be matched in 11-12; 90%, in 12-13; & 95% in 13-14 |
| Free and Reduced | Foster Children | Foster children are categorically eligible; they are no longer a household of one; districts are encouraged to obtain lists from the county |
| Free and Reduced | Social Security Numbers | Only the last four digits must be provided on applications |
| Verification | Social Security Numbers | Removes the requirement that SSNs be collected for Verification |
| Nutrition Standards | New Meal Patterns | Includes $0.06 reimbursement increase, elimination of NSMP, new breakfast and lunch meal patterns, 3-year CRE cycle, 2-week review period, SMI-CRE combination, and milk to be fat-free (flavored or unflavored) or 1% (unflavored) |
| Meal Service | Water | Water is to be available, without restriction, at no charge, in the place where lunch meals are served; also applies to ACSP |
| Meal Service | Milk | SFAs must offer at least two choices from fat-free milk, low-fat milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose reduced milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose-free milk, fat-free or low-fat buttermilk, and fat-free or low-fat acidified milk; now that the New Meal Patterns are in effect, if flavored milk is offered, it must be fat-free. |
| Meal Service | School Food Safety Program | HACCP principles are to be applied to any facility/part of a facility where food is stored, prepared, or served for any FNS program |
| Wellness | Local Wellness Policies | WP are to include goals for nutrition promotion; public involvement is expanded; WP information must be made available to the public; SFAs are required to measure/assess the WP; SFA official to be designated to ensure compliance |
| Food Safety Inspections | Food Safety Inspection Reports | Reporting requirements are extended through FY 15 |
| Breakfast | Breakfast Outreach | SFAs are to inform eligible families of the availability of breakfasts—just prior to or at the beginning of the year in the packets sent with F&R apps; reminders should be sent multiple times in the year; can be through means normally used to communicate; can be printed or electronic. Helpful toolkit at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Breakfast/expansion/default.htm>. |
| Financial | Equity in School Lunch Pricing | SFAs not charging, on average, the difference between the paid and free reimbursement are required to raise prices, over time, according to formulas provided. The annual cap is $0.10 regarding the highest amount SFAs would be required to raise prices in any one year. |
| Financial | Revenue from Non-program Food | All foods not part of the reimbursable meal must generate revenue at least equal to the cost. |
| Financial | Indirect Costs Guidance | Provides information on indirect costs charged to SFAs. |
| Misc. | Cooperation with Program Research | SAs, SFAs, and schools are required to cooperate with USDA officials/contractors conducting evaluations & research. |
| State Agency | Full Use of Federal Funds | Federal funds are not to be subject to state budget restrictions or limitations including hiring freezes, furloughs, and travel restrictions. |
| Farm to School | Grants | Request for applications for grants has been issued. |
| Summer Food Service Program | Permanent Agreements | There must now be permanent agreements between the SA and all SFSP sponsors. Current sponsors in the future will submit an annual budget to be reviewed by the SA. |
| Summer Food Service Program | Site Limits | All sponsors may operate 200 sites and serve an average of 50,000 children daily. |
| Summer Food Service Program | SFSP Outreach | SFAs must cooperate with SFSP sponsors, to the maximum extent practicable, to inform eligible families of the availability & location of SFSP meals. Can be through normal communication means. Helpful toolkit at [www.summerfood.usda.gov/library/toolkit.pdf](http://www.summerfood.usda.gov/library/toolkit.pdf). |
| Summer Food Service Program | Meal Times & Offer vs. Serve | Restrictions on amount of time between meals and amount of time for meals are waived. Meal times must still be provided to and approved by the SA. Non-school sponsors may now use OVS (following the food-based approach). NB: Not part of Reauthorization. |
| Summer Food Service Program | Site Monitoring Waiver | SA may waive the requirement that sponsors conduct the first week site visit (for sites successful in the previous year). Sponsors still must conduct the four-week review. NB: Not part of Reauthorization. |
| Summer Food Service Program | For Profit Sites | Meals may now be served at for-profit sites operated by non-profit sponsors. These must be open sites. The sponsor must maintain operational control over the meal service at the site; no SFSP funds may be provided to the site. NB: Not part of Reauthorization. |