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Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos and Technical Assistance Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Services office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy, Information and Implementation Memos

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1. CACFP Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations

As of January 1st centers must use the attached CACFP Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations form for documentation of disability or allergy, which requires food substitutions within specific meal component(s). You do not need to re-do forms that you already have on file for participants for this year. Use this updated form for any new participants after January 1, 2009. When you have an administrative review the CNS reviewer will ask to see all 'medical statement forms' for all participants that are receiving food substitutions. We will check that you are using the new form for any that are dated after January 1, 2009.

2. Update on Food Substitutions with Medical Statement

CNS has received further guidance about special meals and/or accommodations for children/adults who require substitutions due to medical necessity (such as disability and allergies) as it relates to items provided by parents. The updated guidance will allow providers/centers to claim reimbursement for meals when the parent provides a portion of the meal, due to medical necessity. The meal(s) may be claimed as long as 1) there is a Medical Statement on file that is completely filled out and is signed by a Licensed Physician or Recognized Medical Authority; 2) the parent only provides the portion of the meal that needs the food substitution that is documented on the Medical Statement; 3) the provider/center furnishes the rest of the meal (at least one required meal component). Remember that

if the child has a disability the provider/center must make the food substitution. Please follow this new guidance.

3. Commodity Program Training

CACFP programs who wish to transfer from cash-in-lieu to the commodities program for fiscal year 2010 must contact the Commodity Program by January 15, 2009. A training session for new programs is scheduled for January 21, 2009. Attached please find a fact sheet for commodities for Child and Adult Care Food Program participants. Please contact Jo Dawson at jo.dawson@alaska.gov or 465-8710 or Tony Warren at tony.warren@alaska.gov or 465-3629 for more information.

4. Civil Rights “And Justice for All” poster translations

USDA Office of Civil Rights has posted on their website a number of translations of the nondiscrimination statement that can be attached to the bottom edge of your “And Justice for All” posters. You must not cover any of the English or Spanish section of the poster. The translations available are: Chinese, Creole, French, German, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, and Vietnamese. You can access these translations at the following URL:
top://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/justice.htm

5. 2009 Project Orange ThumbSM Application

If you’re looking for a creative project for your program participants related to gardening you may want to check out the Project Orange Thumb website at: <http://projectorangethumb.com/pot/>. There is a 2 step application process to apply for up to \$1,500 in grant funds and up to \$800 in Fiskars garden tools to help you implement your garden project. Gardens and/or gardening projects geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture and/or horticultural education are eligible. Community garden groups, as well as schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities are all encouraged to apply. Get your creative juices flowing and apply by February, 2009 – this could be a really fun way to get your participants thinking about spring!

6. Mealtime Memo: No. 10, 2008 *Teaching Children about the Food Groups: Milk and Milk Products* and Mealtime Memo: No. 11, 2008 *Teaching Children about the Food Groups: Meat and Meat Alternates*

Mealtime Memo for Child Care is issued by the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSI). These issues give helpful information, along with recipes and menus. You can access all the Mealtime Memos at the NFSMI website: <http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=87>

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Commonly Used Acronyms

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program
CNS – Child Nutrition Services
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
CNP – Child Nutrition Program
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Authority

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