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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 (QAs) 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 QAs as they arise during the implementation of the new meal requirements.

This issue includes new QAs that highlight the meal pattern flexibilities, some QAs based on operators' feedback, and minor editorial changes to clarify QAs already published. A summary of the revisions and additions to each section is provided below:

General

- Revised question number 6

Fruits and Vegetables

- Revised question number 19

Grains:

- Revised questions number 15, 20, 21, 24

Milk:

- Added question number 5

Calories

- Revised question number 3

Meal Patterns:

- Revised question number 4

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Menu Planning:

- Revised questions number 6,12,16

Offer versus Serve:

- Revised question number 2,3

Implementation

- Revised question number 2

Monitoring

- Revised questions number 3,4

Nutrient Analysis:

- Revised questions number 1,2,3

Meal Identification

- Deleted question number 1 and revised question number 3 (currently question number 2)

Other Child Nutrition Programs

- Revised questions number 1,5

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.

Original Signed

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Attachment