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POLICY UPDATE



4.26.2016 Comment Request: Collection of Information for Eligibility of Free and Reduced Price Meals

This [Federal Register Notice](#) announces that USDA's Food and Nutrition Services is accepting public comments on the process of determining eligibility of children for free and reduced price meals and for free milk. Schools are required to base eligibility on family household income and must assure that there is no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against, or overt identification of children unable to pay the full price for meals or milks. Comments on whether this information collection process is necessary and accurate, as well as ways to minimize burden and enhance quality, may be submitted to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

04.29.2016 USDA Releases Extension Notice for Whole-Grain Rich Exemptions for SY 2016-2017

USDA released a [memo](#) to Regional Directors and State Directors which supersedes the earlier whole grain exemption memo, SP 20-2015. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memo may continue through the school year 2016-2017, at the discretion of the State agency. This memo serves to reissue the previous guidance intended to help State agencies establish their own processes to evaluate and respond to whole grain exemption requests from interested SFAs for one additional school year. The memo includes a Q & A, that should address any questions. SNA encourages members to reach out to their State agencies for further guidance.

05.17.2016 Food and Nutrition Service Agency Information— Information Collection for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

This [Federal Register Notice](#) announces that USDA's Food and Nutrition Services is accepting public comments on the proposed information collection for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This collection is a revision of a currently approved information collection. Comments on this information collection are due by July 18, 2016 and may be submitted to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

05.27.16 Voluntary Sodium Reduction Goals: Target Mean and Recommended Maximum Concentrations for Sodium in Commercially Processed, Packaged, and Prepared Foods

This [Federal Register notice](#) announces the availability of a draft guidance entitled "Voluntary Sodium Reduction Goals: Target Mean and Upper Bound Concentrations for Sodium in Commercially Processed, Packaged, and Prepared Foods." The draft guidance, when finalized, will describe the Food and Drug Administration's views on voluntary short-term and long-term goals for sodium reduction in a variety of identified categories of foods that are commercially processed, packaged, or prepared. These

goals are intended to address the excessive intake of sodium in the current population and promote improvements in public health. Written comments on Issues 1 through 4 are due by August 31, 2016; and comments on Issues 5 through 8 are due by October 31, 2016.

06.07.16 Child Nutrition Program Integrity: Extension of Comment Period

This Proposed Rule codifies several provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 affecting the integrity of the Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Special Milk Program for Children, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and State Administrative Expense Funds. The Proposed Rule is intended to improve the integrity of all Child Nutrition Programs. The comment period is extended until 07/07/16 to provide additional time for interested parties to review and submit comments on this Proposed Rule. Comments can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal here.

Questions about SNA's Policy Update can be sent to SNA's Government Relations Coordinator, Sabrin Osman, at s_osman@schoolnutrition.org