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POLICY UPDATE



05.23.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: School Breakfast Program

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on May 23, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced that they're seeking comment on a revision of their currently approved information collection from State agencies, School Food Authorities and schools for the administration of the School Breakfast Program. FNS is inviting comment on the necessity and utility of the program's reporting and record keeping requirements, the accuracy of their time burden estimates, ways to minimize reporting and recordkeeping burdens, and ways to enhance the quality of the information collected. Comments must be received on or before July 23, 2018.

05.24.2018 Revised Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol

In a [memo](#) published on May 24, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced](#) that it is revising the current process for State agencies and eligible service providers seeking a waiver of statutory or regulatory requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). This includes the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), the Special Milk Program (SMP), and the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

05.24.2018 Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat

In a [memo](#) published on May 24, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced](#) that it is continuing its 2017 demonstration project allowing non-congregate feeding at certain outdoor summer meal sites experiencing excessive heat for summer 2018. FNS is continuing the project to develop and test alternative methods of providing access to summer meals for low income children. The memo provides guidance on applying for participation in the project and participation requirements.

05.30.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities; Comments Requested: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form (FNS 543)

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on May 30, 2018, The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced that they're seeking comment on a revision of their currently approved information collection from organizations fighting hunger and poverty for the [USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database](#). The database is used to provide the public with information about non-governmental organizations working in the areas of hunger and nutrition. FNS is inviting comment on the necessity and utility of the program's reporting and record keeping requirements, the accuracy of their time burden estimates, ways to minimize reporting and recordkeeping burdens, and ways to enhance the quality of the information collected. Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2018.

Questions or comments?

Send them to SNA's Government Affairs Associate, Matt Miller, at mmiller@schoolnutrition.org

06.01.2018 Simplified Cost Accounting and Other Actions to Reduce Paperwork in the Summer Food Service Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced in the Federal Register](#) a final rule that amends the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) regulations to extend simplified cost accounting and reporting procedures to SFSP sponsors in all States, and eliminate the cost comparison requirements for determining payments to sponsors, pursuant to the statutory requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. The rule also makes discretionary changes to improve administrative efficiency and reduce paperwork in the management of the SFSP, and amends the National School Lunch Program regulations to create consistency among the Child Nutrition Programs regarding notice procedures. The rule is effective July 31, 2018, and State agencies and SFSP sponsors must implement its provisions no later than January 1, 2019.

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