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POLICY UPDATE



12.26.2019 FNS Requests Comments Concerning CACFP

FNS published a [Federal Register notice](#) requesting comment on information collection for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Comments are specifically requested on whether this collection is necessary for the agency to perform its functions and practical ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information that is collected.

1.21.2020 USDA Requests Comments on Revised Proposed Information Collection

In a [Federal Register notice](#), USDA requested comments on the revision of currently approved information collection for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk. The proposed collection reports the eligibility burden of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Special Milk Program. Revisions to the proposed information collection updated burden hours associated with the Special Milk Program eligibility criteria.

1.23.2020 USDA Releases Proposed Rules on School and Summer Meal Flexibilities

USDA has released proposed regulations to provide additional flexibilities for school meal and summer meal programs. The [Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs](#) proposed rule addresses a wide variety of topics, including changes to the Administrative Review cycle and increased flexibility on vegetable subgroups, age/grade groups, breakfast and competitive food rules. [Visit the USDA website](#) for their fact sheet on the school meal rule.

The [Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program](#) proposed rule covers a variety of operational and monitoring requirements. [Visit the USDA website](#) for their fact sheet on the summer meal rule.

SNA is reviewing the details of these lengthy proposed rules and will collect member feedback as it prepares the Association's official comments to USDA prior to the 60-day submission deadline.

1.23.2020 SNA Comments on Drinking Water Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

SNA filed comments in response to the Federal Register Request for Comment, [National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions](#). The notice requests comments on new requirements to conduct lead in drinking water testing and public education in schools and childcare facilities. SNA notes the importance of this issue and requests that requirements related to schools should be coordinated throughout the local educational agency including school meal locations.

1.30.2020 FNS Posts 2020 Reimbursement Rates for SFSP

FNS announced its annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for Children in a [Federal Register notice](#). This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in

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the Summer Food Service Program for Children. These adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index. USDA previously announced the [SY 2019/20 Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk. SNA posts current school meal participation statistics, reimbursement rates, income eligibility rates, and other critical information in the [About School Meals](#) section of SNA's website.

2.7.2020 FNS Publishes Notice on Summer Meals Award Program

FNS published a Federal Register notice, "[Agency Information Collection Activities: Turnip the Beat! High-Quality Summer Meals Award Program](#)." This collection was created to recognize the program sponsors' nutrition efforts in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Written and electronic comments must be submitted by April 7, 2020.

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