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03.18.2019 Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request-State Administrative Expense Funds

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on March 18, 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced it is seeking public comment on a revision of an approved information collection for State administrative expense funds expended in the operation of Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs). This revision includes corrections of estimated burden hours associated with forms FNS-74 and FNS-525. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before May 17, 2019.

03.20.2019 Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on March, 20, 2019, FNS announced the annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The guidelines are used by participants in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Special Milk Program for Children (SMP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

03.20.2019 Summer Food Service Program: 2019 Reimbursement Rates

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on March 20, 2019, FNS announced annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in SFSP. The adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

04.05.2019 Agency Information Collection Activities: Revision of Generic Clearance for the Development of Nutrition Education Messages and Products for the General Public

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on April 5, 2019, FNS announced a revision to its previously approved information collection for the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion's (CNPP) consumer research to test nutrition education messages and products developed for the general public. The research is intended to identify consumer understanding of potential nutrition education messages and to obtain their reaction to prototypes of nutrition education products. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before June 4, 2019.

04.16.2019 Simplified Cost Accounting and Other Actions To Reduce Paperwork in the Summer Food Service Program; Correction

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on April 16, 2019, FNS announced a correction to its final rule entitled "Simplified Cost Accounting and Other Actions to Reduce Paperwork in the Summer Food Service Program," that was published in the Federal Register on June 1, 2018. The corrections do not impose new program requirements. It is a technical correction intended

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to clarify requirements for submission and review of annual budgets and the flexibilities available in the budget submission process. It also adds missing regulatory text providing state agencies the discretion to determine the amount of advanced payments provided to sponsors and corrects small typographical errors.

04.18.2019 Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on April 18, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking comment on an extension of its currently approved information collection of qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback. Responses to this collection are assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2019.

04.19.2019 Agency Information Collection Activities: Revision of Summer Food Service Program Reporting, Recordkeeping and Public Disclosure Requirements

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on April 19, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking comment on a revision of its currently approved information collection for the SFSP reporting, recordkeeping and public disclosure. The revision decreases the estimated burden of reporting by 26,472 hours and recordkeeping by 25,138 hours. The estimated burden of public disclosure increased by 52 hours. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before June 18, 2019.

04.25.2019 Submission for OMB Review; Special Milk Program Operations Information Collection

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on April 25, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking comment on its information collection for the operation of SMP, including the submission of applications and agreements, submission and payment of claims and the maintenance of records. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2019.

05.03.2019 Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Child and Adult Care Food Program National Disqualified List Information Collection

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on May 3, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking comment on an extension of its currently approved information collection for the Child and Adult Care Food Program National Disqualified List. The Department maintains the list of institutions, day care home providers and individuals that have been terminated or otherwise disqualified from participating in CACFP and uses Forms FNS-843 and FNS-844 to collect and maintain this information. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before July 2, 2019.

05.07.2019 Request for Comment on the Consumer Inflation Measures Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on May 7, 2019, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced it is seeking comment on a proposal to change the Consumer Price Index (CPI) used to calculate the Official Poverty Measure. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) use the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) to calculate annual adjustments to poverty thresholds. OMB is seeking comment on the merits of using the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) and the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCEPI) to calculate annual adjustments. Because C-CPI-U rises at a slower rate than the traditional CPI-U, annual

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adjustments to program eligibility thresholds would grow more slowly if this change was implemented, causing fewer households to qualify for federal assistance, including through NSLP and other Child Nutrition Programs. Comments must be received on or before June 21, 2019.

05.15.2019 Submission for OMB Review; Uniform Grant Application for Non-Entitlement Discretionary Grants

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on May 15, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking comment on its Uniform Grant Application for Non-Entitlement Discretionary Grants. The information is used to systematically review, evaluate and approve grant and cooperative agreement applications and recommend the applicants most likely to meet program objectives and most responsive to the solicitation. The agency is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of its burden estimate, ways to enhance the quality of the collection and ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Comments must be received by June 14, 2019.

05.17.2019 Request for Information: The Serious Deficiency Process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published on May 17, 2019, FNS announced it is seeking public comment on the Serious Deficiency Process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The process provides a systematic way for the agency to correct serious management problems with a structured set of steps designed to provide all institutions and day care home providers the opportunity for corrective action and due process. In this notice, FNS is seeking input from stakeholders with firsthand experience of the Serious Deficiency Process to help the agency understand and address potential inconsistencies in the implementation of that process across states. Comments must be received on or before August 15, 2019.

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