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# POLICY UPDATE



### **03.07.15 Federal Register Notice: Request for Information**

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the “[Request for Information: Summer Meals Program Data Reporting Requirements](#)” notice in the Federal Register. FNS is requesting information in order to better understand what sponsors and State Agencies could report in order to assist in tracking participation in summer meal programs. The goal is to better identify the number of eligible children the programs are serving and assess the impacts of efforts to increase program participation. Specifically, FNS is interested in information about data that sites, sponsors, and State Agencies currently collect but do not report to FNS and how to obtain the information in a timelier manner. To be included in the study, responses must be submitted [here](#) by **June 8, 2015**. [Click here](#) to read the Federal Register notice.

### **03.07.15 USDA Proposed Collection of CN Data and Analysis**

This notice invites general public comment on the proposed information collection and review of School Food Authority National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Management Information Systems in order to provide the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with a baseline assessment of the MIS system and to inform FNS regarding how States and SFAs use data systems beyond fulfilling FNS reporting requirements. Comments can be submitted [here](#) and are due by May 8, 2015 in order to be considered. [Click here](#) to read the Federal Register notice.

### **03.04.15 CEP: Requirements and Deadline Extension**

The USDA has extended the deadline to opt in to community eligibility for SY 2015-2016. For some LEAs, the decision process to elect to participate depends on approval of governing bodies with administrative control of LEAs. Additionally, LEAs may seek support of various partners and stakeholders. In light of this unique decision process, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is extending the election deadline until **August 31, 2015**. [Click here](#) to read the memo announcing the deadline extension. [Click here](#) to read detailed information on fulfilling the CEP notification and publication requirements for State agencies and LEAs.

### **02.24.15 Paid Lunch Price Data for SY 2012-13 and 2013-14**

[This memo](#) announces the publication of the paid lunch prices for SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program for School Years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. The complete lists of prices can be found in [attachment 1](#) and [attachment 2](#). State agencies are asked to distribute this information to their program operators as soon as possible.

### **02.19.15 FY2015 Reallocation of SAE Funds in CN Programs**

This memorandum and its attachments provide the information needed to conduct the FY2015 reallocation of SAE funds. Reallocation is a formal process by which State agencies can: (1) request additional SAE funds above their initial authorized funding level; or (2) return SAE funds they do not need. [Click here](#) to read the

memo.

### **02.13.15 National Procurement Training for Child Nutrition Programs**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) is hosting three [National Procurement Trainings](#). The training will provide State agency personnel with the opportunity to receive current information on procurement regulations required in all CNPs, as well as current information on the new Office of

Management and Budget Super Circulars in 2 CFR Part 200. The training will be conducted in a train-the-trainer format for State agency personnel to receive training concepts and materials that may be incorporated in training State review personnel, as well as school food authorities (SFAs). [Click here](#) to see a draft agenda.

### **02.09.15 Paid Lunch Equity: SY 2015-16 Calculations and Tool**

[This memorandum](#) provides guidance on the calculations SFAs must make in order to ensure they are in compliance with these requirements for School Year (SY) 2015-16. In addition, the [SY 2015-16 Paid Lunch Equity tool](#) to assist SFAs as they make these required calculations is attached to this memorandum.

*Questions or comments?*

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