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POLICY UPDATE



04.13.15 SY2015-16 Free/Reduced Application Prototype and Materials

The USDA has provided an updated prototype application for free and reduced price school meals with accompanying materials including a parent letter and instructions to apply. [Click here](#) to access all materials.

03.31.15 Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines

Adjusted eligibility guidelines to free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 have been posted. The typical annual income limit for a family of four to qualify for reduced-price meals in the next school year is \$44,863 (although that number is higher in Alaska and Hawaii), up \$740 from last year. The annual adjustments are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

[Click here](#) to read the Federal Register notice containing the income eligibility guidelines.

03.30.15 Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in CN Programs

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released [a memo](#) announcing the expansion of the list of acceptable medical professionals that may sign a medical statement for meal accommodations in the Child Nutrition Programs and recommend alternate foods for children whose disability restricts their diets. State agencies are asked to distribute this memorandum to program operators immediately.

Questions or comments?

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