05.11.15 Proposed Rule: Administrative Reviews in SN Programs

The USDA has proposed a rule that would revise the State Agency's administrative review process to establish a unified accountability system designed to ensure that participation school food authorities comply with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program requirements. In addition to the new administrative review process, this rule proposes to require State Agencies to report and publicly post school food authorities’ administrative review results. Read the Federal Register notice Comments are due by July 10, 2015 on the proposed rule can be submitted at www.regulations.gov.

05.07.15 Correction to Professional Standards Final Rule

USDA has published technical corrections to the Professional Standards final rule. Specifically, the final rule omitted part of a criterion from the hiring standards for local agencies with 2,499 or fewer enrolled. This corrects the oversight by providing missing text and summary in the chart. It also makes a technical correction to ensure readers clearly understand the annual training standards for school nutrition program directors. All other information in the final rule remains unchanged.

04.27.15 Updated Title I and CEP Guidance

There is a connection between CEP and programs operated under Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, because State educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) often use NSLP data to carry out certain Title I requirements. The Department of Education's (ED) most recent guidance on the connection between Title I and CEP was published in January 2014. Since that time, ED has received some additional questions about CEP. This updated guidance and attachment addresses those questions.

04.22.15 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Allocation of Funds for School Year 2015-2016

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) operates in selected elementary schools in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide funding allocation amounts for all State agencies for school year (SY) 2015-2016, to provide information on funding requirements and deadlines, and to serve as a reminder of important program requirements.

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