



# Child Nutrition Industry Partners' Call

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00pm EST**

Division of Food,  
Nutrition and Wellness



# Agenda for Today's Call

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- Regulatory Flexibilities for NSLP
- Regulatory Flexibilities for SFSP/SSO
- FFVP Flexibilities
- Program Comparison
- Status of USDA Foods Entitlement
- Procurement Considerations
- Questions & Answers

# Regulatory Flexibilities for NSLP

- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #2](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION #2](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – EXTENSION #2](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #4](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the National School Lunch Program for School Year 2020-2021](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – EXTENSION #2](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver of Food Service Management Contract Duration in the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program](#)

# Nationwide Non-Congregate Feeding in Child Nutrition Programs Waiver

- Allows non-congregate feeding in the child nutrition programs
- Will minimize potential exposure to COVID-19
- Service of meals outside of the traditional group setting
- Vital to ensure appropriate safety measures are taken while still providing meals and meal supplements

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility

- Allows for the serving of meals outside of the standard meal times for the child nutrition programs
- Ensures children are being fed, while still in support of social distancing recommendations

# Nationwide Parent and Guardian Meal Pick Up Meals Waiver

- Allows parents and/or guardians to pick up meals for their children, without the student needing to be present
- Supports social distancing and minimizes the exposure of COVID-19
- Program operators must maintain accountability and program integrity by doing one of the following:
  - Ask parent/guardian to present a form of valid child identification;
  - Verify the child's name by utilizing a roster or other methods used at point of sale (where possible); or
  - Create a daily parent/guardian pickup roster by collecting the parent/guardian name, number of children in the household, and names of children in the household.

# Nationwide Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs Waiver

- Waives the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency
- Program operators must contact FDACS for approval to utilize this waiver
- Approval is on a case-by-case basis, and FDACS must report to its FNS regional office when and where this waiver is in effect and for what food components
- Requests must be targeted and necessary to support safe access to nutritious meals

# Child Nutrition Programs: Flexibilities for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Requirements 2018 Final Rule

- Flexibilities provided in the vacated final rule are no longer available to states and local program operators
- For SY 2020-2021, flavored milk may be only non-fat; all grains served must be whole-grain rich; and meals must meet Target 2 weekly sodium levels as defined in 7 CFR 210.10(c) and 220.8(c)
- **Use of the nationwide meal pattern waiver is allowable if the 2012 requirements cannot be met for SY 2020-2021**



# Nationwide Meal Pattern Flexibility: Vegetable Subgroup & Age/Grade Group Requirements

- Vegetable subgroup requirements may be waived if FDACS determines that waivers are necessary to support access to meals
- Program operators are encouraged to meet all meal pattern requirements whenever possible.
- Age/grade group requirements may also be waived if FDACS determines a waiver is necessary to support access to meal

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow OVS Flexibility for Senior High Schools

- Waives the offer versus serve requirement for senior high schools to support safe access to nutritious meals
- CDC has recommended that schools serve individually plated meals in classrooms instead of in a communal
- Schools attempting to adhere to this guidance may be unable to also effectively adhere to offer versus serve requirements
- Will enable schools to offer complete meals for delivery or pickup for students distance learning

# Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements

- Waives for all school food authorities school meals onsite monitoring requirements
- SFAs should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of NSLP operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit) to ensure Program integrity

# Nationwide Waiver of FSMC Contract Duration

- Waives food service management company (FSMC) contracts duration requirements for all school food authorities
- FSMC contracts that would have expired by or around June 30, 2020 could be extended through school year 2020-2021

# Regulatory Flexibilities for SFSP/SSO

- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through December 2020](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION 7](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers – EXTENSION 2](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option -EXTENSION](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children - EXTENSION 4](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- EXTENSION 4](#)

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP/SSO Operations through December 2020

- Allows the operation of SFSP/SSO through December 31, 2020
- Facilitates the safe provision of meals by eliminating the need to collect meal payments, including cash payments, at meal sites, which speeds up service of meals, thereby reducing contact and potential exposure to COVID–19

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the SFSP/SSO

- Extends the waiver of the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements
- Also waives the requirement at that schools must offer students a variety (at least two different options) of fluid milk. All other fluid milk requirements remain in effect
- Local program operators must contact FDACS for approval to utilize this waiver

# Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers

- Allows states to waive the requirement that "open site" meal service is limited to areas with at least half of the children in the area are low-income households
- Extends the waiver of the collection of income applications for closed enrolled sites



# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP/SSO

- Extends the waiver of the collection of income applications for closed enrolled sites
- Reduces administrative burden and ensures appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in SFSP/SSO

- Waives the requirements to serve meals through the SFSP and SSO in a congregate setting
- Ensures appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children

- Allows SFSP or SSO non-congregate meal distribution during COVID–19-related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children
- Processes must be in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children, and that duplicate SFSP or SSO meals are not distributed to any child

# FFVP Flexibilities

- Elementary schools operating FFVP may serve fresh fruits and vegetables in a non-congregate setting, including through home delivery
  - May provide the FFVP service alongside other child nutrition program meals
  - Approved SFAs may offer FFVP foods at alternate sites
  - Parents/guardians may pick-up FFVP foods and bring them home to their children
- Elementary schools operating FFVP that are providing multiple days of meals at one time also may provide multiple servings of FFVP foods at one time
  - FFVP operators are not required to provide an educational component with the FFVP service


# Program Comparison

Topic	SFSP	NSLP/SBP	Seamless Summer Option																												
Meal Cost for Children	All meals are free (Although camps are only reimbursed for children who qualify for free or reduced price meals, camp sponsors may, and usually do, provide meals free of charge to all children)	Meal cost (free/reduced price/paid) for children is based on their income eligibility	Same as SFSP																												
Type of Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast</li><li>• Lunch</li><li>• Snack (AM or PM)</li><li>• Supper</li></ul> Lunch & supper cannot be reimbursed for the same day by the same site, except for camp and migrant sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast</li><li>• Lunch</li><li>• Afterschool Snacks</li></ul>	Same as SFSP																												
Maximum Number of Meals	2 meals for most sites  3 meals for migrant sites and camps	Breakfast Lunch Afterschool Snack	Same as SFSP																												
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# USDA Foods Entitlement

- Due to school closures resulting from COVID-19, reimbursable lunch counts were reduced
- Reductions would have resulted in decreases to the USDA Foods entitlement available to some states for SY 2020-2021
- FDACS elected to [waive](#) the annual reconciliation process in November 2020
- The preliminary SY 2020-2021 entitlement level, based on SY 2018-2019 lunch counts, will be the final entitlement value assigned for SY 2020-2021
- SY 2021-2022 USDA Foods entitlement will reflect lunches served in SY 2020-2021 (as of June 16, 2020)

# Procurement Considerations

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- SFA Selection of NSLP or SFSP/SSO
  - Products Currently Ordered or Procured
  - NSLP vs SFSP/SSO Contracts
  - Amendments or Addenda
  - Options for Renegotiation
  - Re-evaluating scope to address added costs

# Questions?

Thank you for your participation today!



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