



MEMO

TO Sponsors of the Child Nutrition Programs

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RE USDA Waiver Requests for Non-Congregate Meals During Ramadan

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Food and Nutrition (BFN), has requested a waiver from the following regulations for the observance of Ramadan:

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Non-Congregate Meal Service:

Under the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A), and the Child Nutrition Act, 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(A).

Meal Service Times:

Under Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(l) and 7 CFR 220.8(l).

Offer Versus Serve (NSLP)

Under the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(3), and Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(e).

Child and Adult Care Food Program

The waivers in this section apply to emergency shelters, adult day care centers, OSHCC, and the at-risk afterschool component of CACFP only.

Non-Congregate Meal Service:

Under the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1766(f)(1)(A), and Program regulations at 7 CFR 226.19(b)(6)(iii).

Meal Service Times:

Under Program regulations at 7 CFR 226.20(k).

This is a required public notice that PDE, BFN submitted a request to USDA for waivers from the aforementioned regulations and does not imply the waivers have been approved at this time.

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