



MEMO

TO Sponsors of the Child and Adult Care Food Program

FROM Vonda Ramp, M.S., R.D.
State Director, Child Nutrition Programs

DATE September 10, 2026

RE USDA Waiver Requests for Virtual Monitoring for Sponsoring
Organizations of Family Day Care Homes

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Food and Nutrition (BFN), has requested a waiver from 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii) for the 2026-27 Program Year to allow Sponsor Organizations of Family Day Care Homes to request permission to conduct one monitoring visit virtually.

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. Detailed guidance and instructions will be provided to Sponsoring Organizations of Family Day Care Homes if USDA approval is granted.

Questions may be directed to Lorie Stake at Lstake@pa.gov.