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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL 2022 SFSP PARTICIPANTS
FROM: DCCECE/ HNU
DATE: MAY 9, 2022
**SUBJECT: 2022 SFSP APPLICATION CHANGES FOR MEAL SERVICE
FLEXIBILITY - Waiver under 7 CFR 225.16(c) RESCISSION**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the meal service elapse time for Sumer meals and snacks. The link provided below will explain the guidance concerning the SFSP meal service in its entirety. On May 4, 2022, an incorrect SFSP Memorandum was sent regarding operation of SFSP meals service elapsed time between meal services. This memorandum will be in abbreviated form.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/memoranda-rescission?msclkid=aceb3e3fcfab11eca46a1e907ed70f26>

5. SP 10-2017, SFSP 06-2017, Meal Service Requirements in the Summer Meal Programs, with Questions and Answers – Revised, December 5, 2016 • Continued waiver of program regulations at 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) for meal times as originally published in SFSP 11-2011, Waiver of Meal Time Restrictions and Unitized Meal Requirements in the Summer Food Service Program, October 31, 2011. Regulations require that three hours must elapse between the beginning of one meal service, including snacks, and the beginning of another meal service, except that four (4) hours must elapse between lunch and supper if no snack is served. This policy waived these requirements, but maintained that sponsors must continue to establish meal service times.

7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) Time restrictions for meal service.

- (1) Three hours must elapse between the beginning of one meal service, including snacks, and the beginning of another, except that four (4) hours must elapse between the service of a lunch and supper when no snack is served between lunch and supper. The service of supper shall begin no later than 7 p.m., unless the State agency has granted a waiver of this requirement due to extenuating circumstances. These waivers shall be granted only when the State agency and the sponsor ensure that special arrangements shall be made to monitor these sites. In no case may the service of supper extend beyond 8 p.m. The time restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to residential camps.

Summary

This is a retraction to the May 4, 2022, SFSP memo sent from the SNP Mass Alert System. SFSP providers shall follow **7 CFR 225.16(c)(1)** when it comes to elapsed time between meals. A total of three (3) hours must elapse between meal services, including snacks. All applications will follow this instruction as written in this guidance and USDA memo: SP 10-2017, SFSP 06-2017. All applications must show these changes in the following areas:

Public Release;
Application for Participation (2161);
Updating all Notice of Actions forms; and
If applicable, updating all commodities meals schedule times.

Please, if you have any questions don't hesitate to call your application coordinator for further assistance.

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