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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL 2024 SFSP PARTICIPANTS
FROM: ADE/OEC/HNU
DATE: March 29, 2024
SUBJECT: URGENT NOTICE – 2024 SFSP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ALL SFSP participants are required to submit a complete SFSP Management Plan prior to the final approval, per regulation [7 CFR §225.6\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)](#), [7 CFR §225.6\(c\)\(3\)\(i\)](#), [7 CFR §225.6\(e\)](#). The management plan must address performance standards that correspond to SFSP.

- Financial viability and financial management
- Administrative capability
- Program accountability

Failure to comply will result in a denied application for the 2024 SFSP year.

Additional important information:

- After July 15, 2024, you will no longer be allowed to add new sites or increase your meals.
- The Institution's 2024 SFSP Application must be approved prior to the start meal service date. Please ensure the SNP System states "Approved/Amended".
- SFSP sites located in rural counties may participate in the Non-Congregate Meal Service. See link to determine if you are in a rural county (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/rural-designation>).
- If you wish to participate in the Rural "Pocket" located in a Metro County, you must contact your Application Coordinator and request for your site(s) to be verified by USDA.
 - Rural "Pocket" site(s) must be verified and approved by USDA prior to your first meal claim.
- SFSP Final Rules are now in place! To view the complete "Streamlining Requirement and Improving Integrity in the SFSP Final Rule" click on the link below:
 - [Streamlining Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP Final Rule - Comparison Table | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

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