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SUBJECT: Twenty-first Release of the Child Nutrition Database (CNDB)

TO: Regional Directors
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The twenty-first release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN21) is now available on the Healthy Meals Resource System website. This new release is available to companies who develop software approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for nutrient analyses required in the school meal programs.

New for this release, fields for vitamin D and potassium were added to the CNDB. CN21 contains 379 new food products from the food industry, including data submissions from 12 new companies. The nutrient data for 122 new USDA standardized recipes was also included. The National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference (SR) was not updated, so no changes were made to the SR data included in the CNDB.

Companies with USDA-approved nutrient analysis software are required to incorporate CN21 by August 21, 2017, and have been given the option to request additional time if needed.

The latest release of the CNDB is available to download from the Healthy Meals Resource System website at: <https://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov/menu-planning/software-approved-usda-administrative-reviews/child-nutrition-database>.

Please contact the Software Evaluation Team at cnpntab@fns.usda.gov, if you have any questions or if you have determined that a company has not updated their software to include CN21.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Jackson Lewis".

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