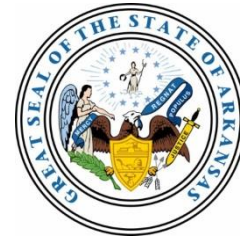




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### MEMORANDUM

TO: 2020 Summer Food Service Program Participants  
FROM: DCCECE / HNU  
DATE: 06/11/2020  
SUBJECT: Annual Fire Inspection Requirements for SFSP and CACFP At-Risk Sites

This is a notice regarding requirements for annual fire inspections for SFSP and CACFP At-Risk sites serving meals inside of a building. Effective immediately, new feeding sites who will be serving meals indoors must now obtain a fire inspection prior to approval.

Existing sites are required to have annual fire inspections completed by October 1, 2020. Sites must post their annual fire inspection in an accessible place for viewing. A copy of current fire inspections must be uploaded into the SNP system. Sites without current fire inspections will not be approved for operation.

#### **CACFP 7 CFR 226.6**

(d) *Licensing/approval for institutions or facilities providing child care.* This section prescribes State agency responsibilities to ensure that child care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, and day care homes meet the licensing/approval criteria set forth in this part. Emergency shelters are exempt from licensing/approval requirements contained in this section but must meet the requirements of paragraph (d)(2) to be eligible to participate in the Program. Independent centers shall submit such documentation to the State agency on their own behalf.

(v) If Federal, State or local licensing or approval is not otherwise required, at-risk afterschool care centers and outside-school-hours care centers must meet State or local health and safety standards. When State or local health and safety standards have not been established, State agencies are encouraged to work with appropriate State and local officials to create such standards. Meeting these standards will remain a precondition for any afterschool center's eligibility for CACFP nutrition benefits.

(B) A current fire/building safety permit or satisfactory report of an inspection conducted by local authorities within the past 12 months shall be submitted.

(4) *Alternate approval procedures.* Each State agency shall establish procedures to review information submitted by institutions for centers or homes for which licensing or approval is not available in order to establish eligibility for the Program. Licensing or approval is not available when (i) no Federal, State, or local licensing/approval standards have been established for child care centers, or day care homes; or (ii) no mechanism exists to determine compliance with

licensing/approval standards. In these situations, independent centers, and sponsoring organizations on behalf of their facilities, may choose to demonstrate compliance with either CACFP child care standards, applicable State child care standards, or applicable local child care standards. State agencies shall provide information about applicable State child care standards and CACFP child care standards to institutions, but may require institutions electing to demonstrate compliance with applicable local child care standards to identify and submit these standards. The State agency may permit independent centers, and sponsoring organizations on behalf of their facilities, to submit self-certification forms, and may grant approval without first conducting a compliance review at the center or facility. But the State agency shall require submission of health/sanitation and fire/safety permits or certificates for all independent centers and facilities seeking alternate child care standards approval. Compliance with applicable child care standards are subject to review in accordance with §226.6(o).

#### **SFSP 7 CFR 225.14**

(6) If the sponsor is a private nonprofit organization, it must certify that it:

(i) Exercises full control and authority over the operation of the Program at all sites under the sponsorship of the organization;

(ii) Provides ongoing year-round activities for children or families;

(iii) Demonstrates that the organization has adequate management and the fiscal capacity to operate the Program;

(iv) Is an organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code; and

(v) Meets applicable State and local health, safety, and sanitation standards.

**Please keep this memo on file for quick and easy reference. A copy is also available on the resource library under HNP Mass Alerts. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact your Health and Nutrition Unit at: 501-682-8869.**

**Deadline for existing sites to have their fire inspection is  
October 1, 2020.**