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### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Providers  
FROM: Health and Nutrition Program Unit  
DATE: January 4, 2019  
SUBJECT: Impact of the Government Shut Down

#### **Impact of the Government Shut Down on Summer Feeding Program (SFSP) Applications**

The application time for the 2019 Arkansas Summer Feeding Program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will remain as follows: The first period, only for schools and government sponsors, will open Monday, January 14, 2019. All other provider applications will be accepted beginning Friday, February 15, 2019. The deadline for all applications is April 30, 2019.

However, since this program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the application, even though submitted and approved, will not be funded unless Congress approves funding for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The approval of a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) application is NOT a guarantee of funding for the program. An approved application only signifies that if funding is available the program may operate. If Congress does not provide funding for this program, then NO REIMBURSEMENT will be available.

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

