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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Elimination of Block Claim Edit Checks in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

TO: Regional Directors
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The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, was signed into law by the President on December 13, 2010. The Act modifies requirements for edit checks and follow-up reviews related to detection of block claims in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the implementation of these modifications.

Section 331 of the Act amends section 17(d)(2) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) to prohibit the Secretary from requiring edit checks to detect block claims or the conduct of unannounced follow-up reviews related to block claims.

Effective immediately, sponsoring organizations are no longer required to conduct edit checks designed to detect block claims as defined by 7 CFR 226.2 and required by 7 CFR 226.10(c)(3) and consequently, are not required to meet the follow-up review requirements associated with detection of block claims as described in 7 CFR 226.10(c)(3).

Although they are no longer required, sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, retain block claim edit checks. In addition, it is important to note that Federal requirements for two other sponsor-level edit checks are still in effect. These include the requirement to verify the provider is claiming only the approved meal types in accordance with 7 CFR 226.10(c)(1) and the comparison of enrollment, days of service and total meal claims in accordance with 7 CFR 226.10(c)(2).

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State agencies should direct any questions concerning this guidance to the appropriate FNS Regional Office. Regional Offices with questions should contact the Child Nutrition Division.

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