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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #12C-11 and #15H-11
Child and Adult Care Food Program Final Rule:
Improving Management and Program Integrity

The final rule titled *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Improving Management and Program Integrity*, which is effective July 13, 2011, can be found at the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/policymemo/Integrity_Final_Rule.pdf. All Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions are advised to review the final rule and retain it on file as an amendment to your copy of the CACFP regulations (7 CFR Part 226).

This final rule incorporates into the CACFP regulations modifications, clarifications, and technical changes to the two interim rules previously published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on June 27, 2002, and September 1, 2004. These changes result from over 1,000 public comments received in response to the two interim rules; State agencies' and USDA's experience in implementing the changes in these two rules over several years; and USDA's conduct of an extensive data collection and analysis (the Child Care Assessment Project) designed to evaluate implementation of these two interim rules by family day care home sponsors and providers.

This rule also clarifies or modifies regulatory provisions relating to: State agency criteria for approving new and renewing institutions' applications; sponsoring organization requirements pertaining to the "block claim" edit check and review averaging; and State- and institution-level requirements pertaining to the serious deficiency process. The changes in this final rule are designed to further improve Program management and integrity and, where possible, to streamline and simplify Program requirements.

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