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• Child Nutrition Proposed Integrity Rule •



The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, has proposed a new Child Nutrition Program Integrity Rule. This rule proposes to codify several provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 affecting the integrity of the Child Nutrition Programs, including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

The proposed rule is intended to improve the integrity of all Child Nutrition Programs. A link to the proposed rule is [here](#). The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, invites interested persons to submit written comments on this proposed rule. To ensure that the Food and Nutrition Service receives written comments, they must be submitted through one of the following methods only:

Preferred method: Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

For other methods to submit comments, visit this [link](#).

• GA ATLAS Tips •

DECAL is still rolling out GA ATLAS, our new Application, Training, Learning and Access System. The following tips will help transition you from CNP 2000 to GA ATLAS:

1. Review and update your current CACFP application. The information contained in the FY 2016 CACFP application is the information that will be converted into the FY 2017 CACFP application in GA ATLAS. Please review each section within the FY 2016 CACFP application and ensure that the information is current and accurate. For more information refer to the [FY 2016 CACFP Application Update Procedures](#) document on DECAL's website.
2. Be sure to submit current and accurate applicable supporting documentation. For more information refer to [FY 2016 CACFP Annual Documentation Requirements](#) on DECAL's website.

For questions regarding the GA ATLAS transition, contact your assigned TA Coordinator or email the TA team at NutritionTA@dec.al.ga.gov.

• Updated Policy Guidance and Memoranda •

Nutrition Services recently release new policy guidance for all CACFP institutions.

Policy/Policy Memorandums:

- [Infant Feeding in the CACFP](#): This memorandum was revised from its previous version to include additional requirements on infant formula centers licensed by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's Child Care Services Division (CCS).

All CACFP policies and policy memoranda are available on DECAL's website [here](#) and [here](#).

• New CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements •

The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, has announced strengthened nutrition standards for food and beverages served to young children and others in day care settings. Young children and adults in day care will now receive meals with more whole grains, a greater variety of vegetables and fruits, and less added sugars and solid fats. The final rule can be found [here](#).

Click the following links for one-page summaries of the new meal standards for [infants, children, and adults](#), and for [meal service best practices](#). More information on the final rule including guidance and technical assistance can be found [here](#).

CACFP centers and day care homes may continue to comply with the earlier meal standards as they transition to the new meal standards. However, all aspects of meals served through the CACFP must meet the new standards no later than October 1, 2017.

• CN Label Verification Report Now Available •

The Nutrition, Education, Training, and Technical Assistance (NETTA) Division in the Food and Nutrition Services' Child Nutrition Programs has taken great strides to address concerns expressed by state officials, school program operators, and the industry regarding acceptable documentation during an administrative review. As a result, NETTA created the CN Label Verification Reporting System.

The CN Label Verification Reporting System was developed to help state agency reviewers, child nutrition program operators, and the food industry verify the status of a CN Label and the validity of a CN Label copied with a watermark. The new system produces two comprehensive monthly reports:

- [CN Label Verification Report](#)
- [CN Label Manufacturers Report](#)

The CN Label Verification Report includes all information pertaining to the valid CN Label, which includes the crediting information (meal pattern contribution statement); label expiration date; and the manufacturer's establishment number. This new online report replaced the previous authorized list published on the CN Labeling website (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/child-nutrition-cn-labeling-program>).

The CN Label Manufacturers Report includes the contact information for all manufacturers authorized to produce CN Labeled products. The users will be able to link the manufacturer's list from the CN Label Verification Report.