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MEMORANDUM

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To: All CACFP Day Care Home Sponsors

From: Megan Wyatt, CACFP Policy Coordinator *mw*

RE: **Clarification of the Term “*Provider’s Own*” in regard to the Claiming of Meals by Day Care Home Providers Registered in the State of Georgia (see OSR Policy Memo CACFP/00-12)**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the term “*provider’s own*” as it pertains to the claiming of meals for non-compensation children in a day care home setting. **OSR Policy Memo CACFP/00-12 states that non-compensation children, other than an eligible provider’s own children and/or foster children, cannot be claimed for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimbursement.** However, some day care home sponsors have recently expressed concern as to how exactly the federal guidelines for the CACFP define the term “*provider’s own*”.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) CACFP Eligibility Guidelines for Family Day Care Homes, the term “*provider’s own*” refers to any children who reside in the household, such as the provider’s own children by birth or adoption, grandchildren, or housemates’ children, who are part of the economic unit. An economic unit is further defined as a group of related or unrelated people who share housing and/or all significant income and expenses of its members. Generally individuals residing in the same house are an economic unit.

Please keep in mind that in order for providers to claim children residing in their households as “*provider’s own*” the following three criteria must also be met:

- 1) The provider’s own must be enrolled and participating in the child care program during the time of the meal service;
- 2) other enrolled nonresident children must be present and participating in the same meal service; and,
- 3) the sponsoring organization must have an income eligibility statement on file for the provider’s household showing that the provider’s household is income eligible or categorically eligible.

If you have any further questions or concerns in regard to the definition of “*provider’s own*” please contact me at 404-651-7181.