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POLICY ALERT

Date: June 21, 2011

Reference: # CACFP CCC 2011-11

To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Child Care Centers (CACFP CCC) Contractors

Subject: Water Availability in the CACFP

Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

RENAME and REVISE CACFP CCC Handbook Item 4113.6 to Water Availability in the CACFP

RENUMBER CACFP CCC Handbook Item 4113.6 to 4113.6.1 Water for Infants

ADD CACFP CCC Handbook Item 4113.6.2 Water for Children One Year and Older

Provide guidance regarding the requirement to make potable water available for children one year and older in the CACFP.

Background

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, established a requirement that organizations participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program make potable water available to children.

Implementation

Immediately but no later than October 1, 2011

Procedure

Add the following to your CACFP CCC Handbook:

4113.6 Water Availability in the CACFP

Potable (suitable for drinking) water must be made available to children one year and older throughout the day, including mealtimes, to drink upon their request, but does not have to be made available for self-serve. Even though water must be made available during mealtimes it is not part of the reimbursable meal and cannot be served in lieu of fluid milk. See below for specific guidelines for infants and children one year and older.

4113.6.2 Water for Children One Year and Older

Contracting entities, and sponsored sites, must ensure that potable water is available, upon demand, for children throughout the day, including mealtimes. This can be accomplished by:

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This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice

Procedure
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- Having cups available next to the kitchen sink faucet;
- Placing water pitchers and cups out in easy to reach areas for children to access as needed;
- Providing water to a child when requested.

Contracting entities, and sponsored sites, are encouraged to provide water during snack meal services when no other beverage is being served and in place of high calorie sweetened drinks (juice drinks, soda, sports drinks) served outside of meal times.

Purchasing water (for example, bottled water) is usually an unallowable cost, however there may be circumstances in which safe drinking water is not readily available. In these instances, purchasing water may be considered a reasonable, necessary and allowable cost. If circumstances arise which require the purchase of water, contracting entities must contact their Community Operations office for approval. Under no circumstances will the purchase of water for adult or employee consumption be an allowable cost.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Community Operations office.
