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11:00 am – 12:00 pm  Alaska  
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3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Eastern  

Meeting Materials:  
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Agenda Items:  
3:00 p.m.  Welcome  
Tim English, Regional Administrator, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office  
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA  

3:05 p.m.  Introduction  
Tribal Leaders  
FNS’ HQ and Regional Staff  

3:15 p.m.  A. Consultation Items  

Child Nutrition Division (CND)  
• Proposed Rule: Reducing Verification Requirements on For-Profit Centers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)  
This rule would simplify the requirements for for-profit child and adult care centers to verify that they are eligible to submit claims for reimbursement in CACFP. Monthly verification of
eligibility by the center or sponsoring organization represents a small but duplicative paperwork burden. Allowing a less frequent verification cycle would reduce the administrative burden for those centers that consistently have a high percentage of enrolled children or adult participants who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

USDA proposes this deregulatory action to encourage existing for-profit centers, including for-profit child care, outside-school-hours care, and adult day care centers in Indian country, to continue to participate in CACFP and maintain access to nutritious meals for eligible children and adult participants.

USDA anticipates that this action would have no significant cost and no major increase in regulatory burden on tribal organizations.

- Interim Final Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Flexibilities for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Requirements
  This interim final rule, published November 30, 2017, provides flexibility for three menu planning requirements. The optional flexibilities are similar to existing ones. The three flexibilities that will be available for SY 2018-2019 pertain to the following requirements:

  - Milk: This rule provides Program operators the option to offer flavored, low-fat milk for K-12 students in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, including Smart Snacks, and for participants age 6 and older in the Special Milk Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Previously, only fat-free flavored milk could be offered;

  - Whole grains: This rule allows State agencies to continue providing exemptions to schools experiencing hardship in obtaining or preparing whole grain-rich products that students will eat; and

  - Sodium: This rule retains Sodium Target 1 for school meals, which would ensure that schools meeting Target 1 in SY 2018-2019 are considered compliant with the overall sodium requirement.

  The final rule is expected to be published in the fall of 2018.

- Proposed Rule: Professional Standards
  The proposed rule, expected to be published in early March, is a deregulatory action that would add flexibilities to the hiring standards for new school nutrition program directors in small local educational agencies (LEAs) and new school nutrition program State directors in National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

  Specifically, this proposed rule would:

  - Require relevant food service experience rather than “school nutrition program experience” for new directors in LEAs with 2,499 students or less.

  - Provide State agencies with discretion to consider volunteer or unpaid work as relevant food service experience for new school nutrition program directors in these small LEAs.

  - For LEAs with less than 500 students, this rule would expand the existing regulatory flexibility which gives State agencies discretion to accept less than the required years of food service experience when an applicant for a new director position has the minimum required education.

  - Add flexibility to the hiring standards for State directors of school nutrition programs by considering applicants with either a bachelor’s or a master’s degree in specific, relevant fields.
**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

- **Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making: Time Limits for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents in SNAP** (Sasha Gersten-Paal)

  The Department of Agriculture’s policy goal is to address food insecurity by providing supplemental food assistance and helping able-bodied SNAP participants move out of poverty and into work in a manner that is consistent with the structure and the intent of the Food and Nutrition Act. The goals of the program are to promote food security, self-sufficiency, well-being, and economic mobility. In this Advanced Notice Proposed Rulemaking, the Department is seeking public input to inform potential policy, program, and regulatory changes to more consistently advance this goal.

**B. Updates**

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

- Food Insecurity and Nutrition Incentive Grants (Marchello Middlebrooks)
- Retailer Enhancement Rule in SNAP (Rachel Schoenian)

  The final rule, titled “Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),” made several changes to requirements for stores that want to accept SNAP benefits as a form of payment. These changes support healthy lifestyles for SNAP recipients while maintaining recipients’ access to food. Implementation of the final rule was completed on January 17, 2018, and incorporates the requirements of Sec. 765 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017.

**Child Nutrition Programs (CNP)**

- Farm to School Grant Program and TT&TA Summary (Erin Healy)
- Webinar: Operating School Meal Programs in Charter Schools
- Webinar: Considerations at the End of the Year Community Eligibility Provision Cycle

4:00 p.m. Open Discussion

4:25 p.m. Closing Remarks

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Next Tribal Consultation Meeting – Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (EST)**