Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: Study of Nutrition and   [X]   **Influential Scientific Information**
Wellness Quality in Child
Care Settings 2

Agency: FNS   [ ]   **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Study of Nutrition and Wellness Quality in Child Care Settings

Purpose of Review: FNS will seek scientific peer review for the subject study.

Type of Review: [ ]   Panel Review   [ ]   Individual Reviewers

    [X]   Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

    At least four individual manuscripts based on analysis of study data will be submitted to scientific journals and receive peer review through the journal peer review process.

Timing of Review (Est.):   Start: 2022   End: 2024   Completed: 2024

Number of Reviewers: [ ]   3 or fewer   [X]   4 to 10   [ ]   More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:

There are three areas of expertise needed: (1) research methodology and statistical analysis; (2) knowledge of subject FNS programs; and (3) expertise in child care and nutrition for young children.

Reviewers selected by: [ ]   Agency   [X]   Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: The scientific journals to which the manuscripts are submitted

Opportunities for Public Comment?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No

    If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
    How:
    When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No

Other:

The reviewers will be charged with two tasks as follows:

1. Reviewers will be requested to determine if (i) the data collection as implemented was appropriate, (ii) whether the analyses as carried out reflect the original plans and (iii) whether the analyses are appropriate given the actual implementation of sampling and data collection.

2. Reviewers will be charged with evaluating the clarity of hypotheses, the robustness of the methods employed to address the hypotheses, the appropriateness of the methods for the hypotheses being tested, the extent to which the conclusions follow from the analysis, and the strengths and limitations of the overall conclusions. The peer reviewers will be requested, as appropriate, to suggest ways to clarify assumptions, findings, and conclusions; identify oversights, omissions, and inconsistencies; and, if needed, encourage authors to more fully acknowledge limitations and uncertainties.