

**TO** Sponsors of Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

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**RE** USDA Waiver Request for First Week Monitoring Visit in the SFSP and Seamless Summer Option

**MESSAGE:**

On October 11, 2018, USDA released Memo SFSP 01-2019, that rescinded a number of national waivers related to the SFSP. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN) believes the rescission of some of these waivers will create an undue burden for sponsors. Specifically, SFSP 12-2011 (April 5, 2011), SP 07-2013/SFSP 04-2013 (Revised November 23, 2012), and SP 06-2014/SFSP 06-2014/CACFP 03-2014 (November 12, 2013) waived the requirement for SFSP and SSO sponsors respectively to conduct a site review during the first week of operation for sites that were in good standing in the prior year in the SFSP, CACFP and NSLP, respectively.

This is required public notice that the PDE, DFN submitted a request to USDA that would allow SFSP and SSO sponsors to waive first week visits for sites of SFSP, CACFP and NSLP sponsors that are in good standing in the SFSP.

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