

MEMO

TO Sponsors of the Summer Meals Programs

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RE USDA Waiver Requests for Summer 2023

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN), has requested a waiver from the following regulations for Summer 2023 to facilitate Program operations and protect health and safety of staff and children.

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):

The following waivers provide flexibility to local Program operators to provide non-congregate meals on days there is an excessive heat advisory issued by the National Weather Service and the local Program operator does not have appropriate indoor accommodations.

- Non-Congregate Meal Service during Summer 2023 [42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A), 42U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(D), and 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15)]
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup during Summer 2023 [42 U.S.C. 1761(f)(3), 7 CFR 210.10(a), 7 CFR 220.2, 7 CFR 220.8(a), 7 CFR 225.2, and 7 CFR 225.9(d)(7)]

This is a required public notice that PDE, DFN submitted a request to USDA for waivers from the aforementioned regulations and does not imply the waivers have been approved at this time.

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