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**To:** Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) List-Serv Members

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Announcements from the Wisconsin Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

**USDA Proposed Rule: Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs - comments requested**

On January 23, 2020, the USDA issued a proposed rule that, while primarily focused on school meals, includes several important proposals for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

The proposed rule:

- Updates the regulations on meal modifications for disability or non-disability reasons;
- Expands flexibility for State Administrative Funds; and
- Requests comments on future regulatory action to allow grain-based desserts to count towards the grains requirement in CACFP.

**Updates the regulations on meal modifications for disability or non-disability reasons:**

The meal modifications for disability and non-disability proposals update and reorganize the regulations by: Clarifying that a medical statement is only required for accommodations that fall outside the meal patterns; Maintaining nutrition standards for fluid milk substitutions; and Adding a definition for “State licensed healthcare professional” that could potentially be expanded.

**Expands flexibility for State Administrative Funds:**

The State Administrative Funds (SAE) proposal changes the requirement to return “unexpended” funds to “unobligated” funds to allow states more flexibility to spend SAE funds across years.

**Grain-based Desserts in CACFP**

USDA is asking for feedback on the following:

- Allowing up to 2 ounce equivalents of grain-based desserts per week in the CACFP (consistent with requirements in School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program); and/or
- Other approaches that would permit grain-based desserts to credit toward the grains requirement in CACFP and support healthy nutrition standards.

**Comment Now!**

**Comment period open for 90 days: Deadline March 23, 2020**

Click on the link to the Federal Register, then follow the instructions on how to comment on this proposed rule. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/23/2020-00926/simplifying-meal-service-and-monitoring-requirements-in-the-national-school-lunch-and-school>