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SUBJECT: Health and Safety Inspection Requirements
TO: CACFP Child Care Institutions

Attached to this memorandum, please find the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, CACFP 05-2015, SFSP 07-2015, *Health and Safety Inspection Requirements*, dated December 10, 2014.

This memorandum consolidates previous USDA policies pertaining to health and safety inspections for facilities participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The policy does not include any new provisions affecting CACFP participation.

The USDA memorandum reminds us that CACFP facilities located in schools participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast program, that are in compliance with the health inspection requirements of these programs, are not required to obtain an additional health and safety inspection for CACFP participation. The Colorado CACFP online application system, *CHEARS*, requires a health inspection date in the site application regardless of the site's location. If the school's latest health inspection date is easy to obtain, institutions may use this date to complete this field. Otherwise, please contact the CACFP office for guidance regarding this required field in the application for sites located in applicable schools.

The USDA memorandum also reminds us that afterschool programs that are exempt from child care licensing requirements must demonstrate compliance with state or local health and safety standards. The Colorado CACFP recognizes the challenges of obtaining a health inspection for these exempt sites in some areas of the state, and encourages sponsoring organizations and/or facilities to contact the CACFP office if these challenges arise. The Colorado CACFP staff may be able provide assistance. Also, the Colorado CACFP is working with state health and safety authorities to create awareness of these health and safety inspection requirements and resolve issues that prevent CACFP participation.

Please contact the Colorado CACFP office at (303) 692-2330 with any questions.

