

Delivery of Benefits

- PURPOSE:** To establish a condition of eligibility for new sponsors.
- SCOPE:** New sponsors requesting participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- DESCRIPTION:** A sponsor is an institution that signs an agreement with the State Agency to operate the Program in one or more facilities. A sponsor can be either a center sponsor that operates the Program in one or more unaffiliated centers or two or more affiliated centers or a home sponsor that operates the Program in one or more day care homes.
- The law is intended to ensure that, as a condition of entering the Program, a sponsor applying for the first time is making the Program available to currently unserved facilities, children, and adult participants. It is designed to prevent new sponsors from coming into existence solely by taking facilities from already existing sponsor.
- The State Agency will collect a Delivery of Benefits form from each new sponsoring organization and evaluate its statement regarding delivery of Program benefits to currently unserved facilities, children, and adult participants. The geographic area to be served will not be the sole factor in the evaluation. The State Agency will also review the organization's purpose, services to be offered, and affiliation with the proposed facilities.
- This policy shall become effective at the New Sponsor Workshop on September 16, 2003.
- SOURCE:** Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA), Federal Regulations §226.6(b)(11) and §226.6(b)(18)(i)(A)