

Dual Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

PURPOSE:

To clarify issues which have been raised concerning the approval of child care institutions as sponsors or sites of the SFSP

SCOPE:

Institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

DESCRIPTION:

Simultaneous participation in both CACFP and SFSP for the same children is not allowed. Both the CACFP and the SFSP are federally funded programs that provide free meals to needy children. The CACFP provides meals at day care, adult day care, family day care homes, outside school hour care centers, and emergency/homeless shelters year-round. The SFSP provides meals from May-August, when school is out of session at sites such as schools, camps, or wherever needy children congregate.

CACFP institutions that have not substantially changed their program activities or have not significantly increased the enrollment may not be approved to participate in the SFSP. For example, a day care center that typically enrolls 80 pre-school children in a year-round setting and the same 80 pre-school children participate during the summer months is required to continue meal reimbursement under the CACFP and not operate the SFSP.

Other unallowable practices include but are not limited to:

1. CACFP centers or homes obtaining meals from a SFSP site for enrolled CACFP children.
2. Discontinuing the CACFP participation to operate the SFSP with the intent of continuing the CACFP after the SFSP ends.

However, there are some situations where dual participation may be allowable. These situations are as follows:

1. The CACFP institution may be approved as a SFSP sponsor or site if there have been sufficient changes in the program activities or enrollment or a separate food service program is developed for children who are not enrolled in the CACFP, and meet the SFSP eligibility criteria. For example, a day care center that typically enrolls 80 pre-school children in a year-round setting and yet during the summer months the day care center adds 80 additional school-age

children for a summer camp for a total of 160 children. The 80 children that are typically enrolled in the day care center may not participate in the SFSP. Only the additional children participating in the summer camp may be approved for the SFSP.

2. Sponsors that are approved for both the CACFP and SFSP must ensure that the same children are not served meals in both programs and separate records must be kept for each program.
3. After-school at-risk snack programs or other situations where the participation in the CACFP is solely during the school year and CACFP meal reimbursement discontinues when school is not in session.

Both the CACFP and the SFSP sponsors must ensure that facilities adhere to the guidelines of this policy instruction. This policy is effective January 1, 2010.

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