**Purpose**
This instruction sets forth the policy concerning compliance with registered day care ministry standards and maintaining an active status while participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

**Scope**
Sponsors of registered day care ministries participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**Description**
Reimbursement received from the Child and Adult Care Food Program may be recovered by the State Agency (per 7 CFR, Part 226.6 (d)(1), if at any time during a fiscal year, an organization fails to comply with all the requirements of IC 12-17.2-6 and 470 IAC 3-4.5.

Specifically, a registered day care ministry participating in the CACFP must be approved to operate by the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. If, at any time, the registered day care ministry should lose its certificate of registration, meal service cannot be claimed until corrections are made and approval granted by the Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning.

If the State Agency discovers, at any time throughout a fiscal year, that a meal service is being claimed for reimbursement while the day care ministry does not hold a certificate of registration, reimbursement will be recovered. It is the State Agency’s procedure to review certificate status for each registered day care ministry participating in the CACFP on a continual basis. If at any time during the fiscal year a ministry loses its certification, reimbursement will be recovered for the period of noncompliance.

In order to monitor compliance, each registered day care ministry must submit a copy of their current certificate of registration at the time of application for participation on the CACFP and during the annual contract renewal process.

**Sources**
Indiana Department of Education, School and Community Nutrition Programs