



USDA Update



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USDA Update

- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
- School Meals Nutrition Standards—proposed regulation
- SWRO Update

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Improving Direct Certification
 - Performance awards
 - Can be passed to SFAs
 - Elimination of “Letter Method”
 - Direct Certification with Medicaid
- Community Eligibility—“Provision 4”
 - Expands universal meal service
 - No applications
 - Use of “factor”
 - Phase-in period of 3 years

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Use of census data
 - High-poverty areas
 - Alternative to applications
 - 3 SFAs in pilot
- Foster children
- Privacy protection (Social Security numbers)
- Independent review of applications
 - 2012—Implementation memo
 - 2012—Proposed regulation
 - 2013—Final regulation

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Fines for “gross mismanagement”
 - 2012—Proposed regulation
 - 2013—Final regulation
- Disqualifications
 - Allows schools to be disqualified from CN programs
 - 2012—Proposed regulation
 - 2013—Final regulation
- Improved safety requirements
 - Guidance
 - More on recalls

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Breakfast expansion
 - No funds authorized
 - FY 2012 budget requests \$10 million
- Professional standards for food service personnel
 - Establish education and training standards
 - Local food service directors
 - Food service personnel
 - Criteria and standards for state directors
 - 2012—Proposed regulation
 - 2013—Final regulation

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Performance-based reimbursement rate increase
 - Additional 6 cents/lunch
 - State will certify compliance
 - Effective with regulation
- Fluid milk
- Water
- Reporting and notification of school performance
 - Combines CRE/SMI
 - 3 year review cycle
 - Schools must post findings

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Paid meal equity
 - SFAs will compare average price to free meal reimbursement
 - > free meal reimbursement?
 - No action required
 - < free meal reimbursement?
 - Must increase price, or
 - Add non-federal funds to food service account
 - Price increase may be limited
 - Rounded down to nearest 5 cents
 - Limited to maximum of 10 cents
 - Effective July 1, 2011

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Revenue from nonprogram foods sold in schools
 - Food sold outside of program meals
 - Purchased from school food service account
 - Includes competitive foods currently provided in regulations
 - Revenue must meet or exceed cost
 - Revenue must accrue back to school food service account
 - Effective July 1, 2011

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Competitive foods
 - Nutrition standards for all foods sold on campus during school day
 - 2011—Proposed regulation
 - 2013—Final regulation
- Local wellness policies
 - Include goals for:
 - Nutrition
 - Physical activity
 - Wellness

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Nutrition environment
 - Information to public
 - Food safety inspections
 - Local wellness policies
 - Meal program participation
 - Nutrition quality of meals
 - Other appropriate information
 - Food safety
 - Applies across campus
 - Food safety inspections

School Meals Nutrition Standards

- Proposed regulation
 - Published January 13, 2011
 - Comment period ended April 13, 2011
- Meal pattern regulation based on IOM recommendations
- Eliminates nutrient-standard menu planning
 - Food-based only
- More fruits and vegetables
 - Meals must include both
- Whole grain rich products
 - At least one-half
- Milk
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 - Minimum and maximum calorie levels
 - Gradually, but markedly decrease sodium levels
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SWRO Happenings

- HUSSC
 - FNS challenged to approve more HUSSC schools
 - HUSSC reflects IOM recommendations and Let's Move!
 - Monetary awards
 - Bronze--\$500
 - Silver--\$1000
 - Gold--\$1500
 - Gold of Distinction--\$2000
 - WE NEED NEW MEXICO SCHOOLS IN HUSSC!!!!
- Income Eligibility Guidelines

Questions?

