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Webinars – Best Practices for Conducting Second Review of Free & Reduced Applications

It is Back-to-School time and that means it is Free & Reduced (F&R) Household Application processing and eligibility determination season. As you know the state agency requires SFAs that process F&R Applications to conduct a second review of each household application and to assist you in navigating the process we have scheduled two webinars. Each webinar session will cover procedures and best practices for conducting second reviews based on methods of processing F&R Applications (i.e., manual, scanning, web-based, etc.) as well as documentation resources.

Please review the following scheduled dates and times below and click the appropriate link to register for the session of your choice. Continuing Education Credit: 1 CEU.

Date & Time	Registration Link
August 6 1 – 2:30 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3738039736048600833
August 7 10 – 11:30 a.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1306896381734837249

Resources to be covered in the webinar:

- **Questions and Answers on the Independent Review/Second Review of Applications**
- **NC Documentation of Change template**
- **USDA Local Educational Agency Second Review of Applications Template**

References:

- *SP 44-2014*
- *Eligibility Guidance Manual 2015 (p.55)*

Income Guidelines for NC Pre-K Students

The NC DPI School Nutrition Services Section at the time of our first webinar on the Determining Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility on Thursday, July 30, 2015 did not have all the income criteria on the NC Pre-K Program for the 2015-2016 School Year. Since that time we have been provided income documentation and it reveals that the criteria used in the NC Pre-K programs (1.75% State Median Income) exceeds the limits of the 185% poverty income level (Reduced rates) as allowed by USDA; therefore, any student in the NC Pre-K program that is not directly certified, foster, homeless, migrant or runaway must have a processed Free and Reduced Price School Meal Household Application on file in the School Food Authority in order to receive Free or Reduced price meal benefits.

Regional Policy Update Schedule

We encourage each SFA to attend the Fall Policy Update within your most current (prior to July 1, 2015) regional assignment. Beginning with the Winter Policy Update, you will attend the Policy Update within your newly assigned zone.

Region	Date	Location	Registration Link
1	Sept 1	Hampton Inn – Edenton 115 Hampton Dr Edenton, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JHPSZMZ
2	Sept 17	New Bern Convention Center 203 S Front St New Bern, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J6RRKJL
3 Charter/RCCI	Sept 8	NCSU McKimmon Center 1101 Gorman St Raleigh, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J592WY9
3 LEA	Sept 9	NCSU McKimmon Center 1101 Gorman St Raleigh, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKNHYXC
4	Sept 4	Little River Golf and Resort 500 Little River Farm Blvd Carthage, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q8XH93
5 Charter/RCCI	Sept 9	Deep River Event Center 606 Millwood School Rd Greensboro, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVQ5W6L
5 LEA	Sept 8	Deep River Event Center 606 Millwood School Rd Greensboro, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q7LRYJN
6	Sept 11	Hilton Garden Inn – Concord 7831 Gateway Ln NW Concord, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q7Z797B
7	Sept 3	Hickory Metro Center 1960 13th Ave Dr SE Hickory NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q9QPBBM
8	Sept 29	Sheraton Four Points-Asheville 22 Woodfin St Asheville, NC	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QD8VHVK

SP 41-2015 - Updated Offer versus Serve Guidance for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Effective Beginning School Year 2015-2016

Offer versus Serve (OVS) is a provision in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) that allows students to decline some of the food offered. The goals of OVS are to reduce food waste in the school meals programs while permitting students to decline foods they do not intend to

eat. Attached is the updated guidance manual for operators using OVS, which is optional at all grade levels for breakfast and required at the senior high school level only for lunch. This guidance is intended to clarify the requirements of OVS, specifically related to what students must take in order to have a reimbursable meal.

SP 42-2015 – Service of Traditional Foods in Public Facilities

Section 4033 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79) allows the donation to and serving of traditional food through food service programs at public facilities and nonprofit facilities, including those operated by Indian tribes and facilities operated by tribal organizations that primarily serve Indians.

While this provision affects other food service programs, this memorandum is intended to provide guidance relating to this provision for schools and institutions operating the USDA Child Nutrition Programs. Although this provision was enacted in February 2014, USDA is providing this basic information at this time to ensure that program operators may use it effectively as part of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

SP 10-2012 (v.9) – Questions & Answers on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs”

This guidance addresses the final rule overall, and includes questions on general and specific aspects of the meal requirements. Several QAs have been updated to clarify meal pattern flexibilities and share links to technical assistance resources.

Important School Nutrition Dates

August

Aug 6Best Practices for Conducting Second Review of F&R Applications webinar (1-2:30pm)
Aug 7Best Practices for Conducting Second Review of F&R Applications webinar (10-11:30am)
Aug 10 (Mon)NSLP/SBP/ASSP - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for July 2015)
Aug 10 (Mon)SFSP/SSO - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for July 2015)
Aug 15 (Sat)..... *Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Prog* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for July 2015)

September

Sept 1 Region 1 Policy Update
Sept 4 Region 4 Policy Update
Sept 7 Region 7 Policy Update
Sept 8 Region 3 (Charter/RCCI) Policy Update
Sept 8 Region 5 (LEA) Policy Update

Sept 9 Region 3 (LEA) Policy Update
 Sept 9 Region 5 (Charter/RCCI) Policy Update
 Sept 10 (Thurs) *NSLP/SBP/ASSP* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Aug2015)
 Sept 10 (Thurs)..... *SFSP/SSO* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Aug2015)
 Sept 11 Region 6 Policy Update
 Sept 15 (Tues) *Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Prog* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Aug 2015)
 Sept 17 Region 2 Policy Update
 Sept 29 Region 8 Policy Update

October

Oct 1 Verification Begins (SFAs begin pulling F&R Family Meal Applications)
 Oct 10 (Thurs)*NSLP/SBP/ASSP* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Sept 2015)
 Oct 10 (Thurs)*SFSP/SSO* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Sept 2015)
 Oct 15 (Tues) *Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Prog* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Sept 2015)
 Oct 28-30..... *Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators*

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