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TO: Child Nutrition Administrators

**FROM: Janet Johnson, Assistant Chief
Child Nutrition Services**

RE: 2013 Seamless Summer Option Claims

Participating in the 2013 Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and feeding students when school is out is a valued service to communities in need and filing a monthly SSO claim is a simple process and should not be problematic whatsoever. However, in the past it has been brought to my attention that some sponsors shared the concern about the process for filing the SSO reimbursement claims. I hope that this communication will address those concerns so that your district has a successful SSO program.

The Child Nutrition Technology System for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in the computer program is designed to follow the Federal fiscal year. The Federal fiscal year operates from October 1 through September 30. As you begin entering the 2013 SSO sponsor application and the 2013 SSO site applications online, you will use the 2012-2013 school year. **Please note: All claims for the 2013 SSO will be entered in the 2012-2013 school year.**

The technology system has been designed to process payments for reimbursement based on the current USDA rates. Any claim that is submitted for June 2013 will be paid using the 2012-2013 reimbursement rates. July 2013 and August 2013 claims will be paid using the 2013-2014 reimbursement rates, even though the SSO claim is being filed in the 2012-2013 school year.

In regards to reporting the financial information for the SSO, the June 2013 claim information will be included in the June 2013 Financial Form (FC1-A). This also includes expenses that the CN program incurs, such as labor, benefits, food, etc. July 2013 and August 2013 claim information should be reported on the December Financial Form (FC1-A) 2013 report.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me by email at janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov or phone at (919) 807-4043.

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