



Child and Adult Care Food Program Changes Proposed in New USDA Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued a [proposed rule](#) that, while primarily focused on school meals, includes several important proposals for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

The proposed rule:

- Updates the regulations on meal modifications for disability or non-disability reasons;
- Expands flexibility for State Administrative Funds; and
- Requests comments on future regulatory action to allow grain-based desserts to count toward the grains requirement in CACFP.

The meal modifications for disability and non-disability proposals update and reorganize the regulations by:

- Clarifying that a medical statement is only required for accommodations that fall outside the meal patterns;
- Maintaining nutrition standards for fluid milk substitutions; and
- Adding a definition for “State licensed healthcare professional” that could potentially be expanded.

The State Administrative Funds (SAE) proposal changes the requirement to return “unexpended” funds to “unobligated” funds to allow states more flexibility to spend SAE funds across years.

Grain-based Desserts in CACFP

USDA is asking for feedback on the following:

- Allowing up to 2 ounce equivalents of grain-based desserts per week in the CACFP (consistent with requirements in SBP and NSLP); and/or
- Other approaches that would permit grain-based desserts to credit toward the grains requirement in CACFP and support healthy nutrition standards.

During the comment period, FRAC will work with its nationwide network and our national partners to develop and submit comments and seek final rules that will assure the best outcome for children.

Join us for the CACFP Leadership Track: "Agents of Change" as part of this year's Anti-Hunger Policy Conference. This will be a timely opportunity! [Register today](#).

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USDA Rule: “Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-23/pdf/2020-00926.pdf>