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**FISCAL YEAR 2014
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
FAMILY DAY CARE HOME SPONSOR MEMORANDUM #4**

TO: Family Day Care Home Sponsors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Director
Office of School Support Services

DATE: December 12, 2013

SUBJECT: **Census Data Release: Fiscal Year 2014**

ACTION: **New schedule for release of Census Data**

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the new schedule for release of census data used for area eligibility determinations in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) of the National School Lunch Program.

Area eligibility of new CACFP day care homes and SFSP sites may be established using the most recent data available obtained by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) from the Census Bureau. For the past two years, FNS has released new Census Bureau data each February. However, this practice has made early recruitment and approval of SFSP sites difficult because the data used to qualify sites was subject to change.

In an effort to encourage early recruitment and approval of SFSP sites and to increase access to summer meals, beginning in federal Fiscal Year 2015, FNS will annually release new Census Bureau data in October. Therefore, the next census dataset will be released in October 2014.

Until new data is released, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and CACFP and SFSP sponsors should continue to use the dataset released in February 2013. The current dataset is available at the 2013 Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) Child and Adult Care Food Program Mapper at http://216.55.168.186/FairData/_CACFP/map.asp?command=scope&map=0. or on CACFP's website at www.michigan.gov/cacfp under What's New.

If you have any additional questions concerning this memorandum, contact CACFP at 517-373-7391 or go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/PolicyMemoranda.htm> to view the federal guidance.

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