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MEMORANDUM #7**

**TO:** Family Day Care Home Sponsors

**FROM:** Mary Ann Chartrand, Director  
Grants Coordination and School Support

**DATE:** April 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Meal Disallowance Policies for Family Day Care Homes in Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

The Michigan Department of Education received the following guidance and clarification regarding meal disallowance policies for new day care providers.

It has come to the attention of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that some sponsoring organizations have established "grace periods" for new day care homes that are not meeting meal pattern or other requirements in the early months of participation. USDA would like to clarify that CACFP regulations do not provide for claiming grace periods to new homes that fail to serve reimbursable meals.

Although errors, such as serving meals with missing components, may not rise to the level of serious deficiency for new homes, the ineligible meals must always be disallowed. USDA would like to emphasize the importance of training, early monitoring, and technical assistance to ensure that new providers are able to serve reimbursable meals that meet meal pattern requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, contact the CACFP office at 517-373-7391.

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