



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

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The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will request a federal waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Child Nutrition Programs, in accordance with federal guidance. MDE is requesting the waiver on behalf of all Child Nutrition Program sponsors determined to be in good standing in the state of Michigan. “The need for nutritious meals does not take a break during a public health emergency,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “In fact, the need for healthy meals heightens due to factors beyond the control of Michigan families. Relaxation of regulatory oversight will ensure that program operators will have more time to focus on the needs of children at this time.” MDE is seeking to request a statewide waiver to conduct programmatic administrative reviews of only those most at risk of misuse of federal funds and/or fraudulent activities while minimizing duplicative program oversight activities

Child Nutrition Program sponsors do not need to request exceptions from MDE. For questions about Michigan’s Child Nutrition Programs, contact the Director of the Office of Health and Nutrition Services, Diane Golzynski, at 517-241-5374 or GolzynskiD@michigan.gov.

Contact Us

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