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FISCAL YEAR 2018 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM FAMILY DAY CARE HOME SPONSOR MEMORANDUM #1

TO: Family Day Care Home Sponsors

FROM: Diane L. Golzynski, Assistant Director Office of School Support Services

DATE: October 1, 2017

SUBJECT: 60-Day Deadline and Late Claim Exceptions – Fiscal Year 2018

Claims for Reimbursement and Claim Amendments must be submitted electronically via the internet to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) on the <u>Michigan Educational Information System website</u> (http://www.michigan.gov/meis).

| Claim/Amendment Month | Due Date | Final Claim/Amendment Submission Date |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| October 2017 | November 10, 2017 | December 30, 2017 |
| November 2017 | December 10, 2017 | January 29, 2018 |
| December 2017 | January 10, 2018 | March 1, 2018 |
| January 2018 | February 10, 2018 | April 1, 2018 |
| February 2018 | March 10, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
| March 2018 | April 10, 2018 | May 30, 2018 |
| April 2018 | May 10, 2018 | June 29, 2018 |
| May 2018 | June 10, 2018 | July 30, 2018 |
| June 2018 | July 10, 2018 | August 29, 2018 |
| July 2018 | August 10, 2018 | September 29, 2018 |
| August 2018 | September 10, 2018 | October 30, 2018 |
| September 2018 | October 10, 2018 | November 29, 2018 |

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If you cannot meet the final claim deadline, you should continue to file your claim and it will be put on hold. MDE will send a letter outlining two options, as detailed below, with instructions on how to submit an exception request.

WITHIN YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION

MDE has the authority to approve the payment of *one* late claim or amendment within a 36-month period. This approval is an exception granted for the submission of a late claim or amendment when the circumstances were WITHIN YOUR CONTROL.

MDE can grant approval and process the claim or amendment upon receipt of a corrective action plan. The plan must include:

- 1. Actions taken to avoid repetition of the situation linked to the late claim/amendment submission.
- 2. Actions taken to avoid any future late claim or amendment submission.
- 3. A statement that your organization understands that a WITHIN YOUR CONTROL exception can only be granted every 36 months. Future late claims or amendments will not be paid unless your organization has not been granted an exception during the previous 36-month period or the lateness can be attributed to conditions outside your control.
- 4. The signature of the person who entered into the CACFP agreement with MDE.

OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION

If the lateness of the claim or amendment was OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL, and you wish to request an exception to the regulations, you must submit the following:

- 1. A written request for an OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL exception.
- 2. A detailed description of the events and circumstances that prevented the claim or amendment from being submitted on time.
- 3. The signature of the person who entered into the CACFP agreement with MDE.

MDE will review the information you provide. If it is clear that the late claim or amendment submission was due to circumstances outside your control, your request will be forwarded to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for approval. Payment authority rests with USDA's regional office. Family Day Care Home Sponsor Memo #1 Page 3

USDA regulations allow for claims to be amended at any time when the number of meals or snacks and/or costs reported on the amendment result(s) in a downward adjustment in the reimbursement value of the claim.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact:

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Please keep this memo on file or in a notebook for quick and easy reference.