To: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Contractors  

Subject: CSFP Senior Certification Period  

Effective Date: Immediately  

Purpose  

NOTIFY contractors of the change in certification requirements for seniors in CSFP.  

REPLACE Item 4216, Certification Period  

Implementation  

Immediately  

Procedure  

Replace Item 4216 with the following:  

The certification periods for eligibility are:  

- **Women, infants and children:** Certification may not exceed six months in length from the date that the applicant's eligibility is determined.  

  Pregnant women may be certified to participate for the duration of their pregnancies and for up to six weeks postpartum.  

  NOTE: Program benefits may be continued until the end of the month in which categorical ineligibility begins (that is, until the end of the month in which a child reaches their sixth birthday).  

- **Elderly:** A period of six months from the date that the applicant's eligibility is determined. The certification period for elderly persons may be extended for an additional six months without a formal review, but the applicant’s address and continued interest in receiving CSFP benefits must be verified. The certification specialist must have sufficient reason to believe the applicant still meets income eligibility standards.  

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If you have any questions please contact your Commodity Operations Specialist.