Recent events have required the deployment of United States military personnel. In response to the deployment of troops, USDA has issued a temporary exception to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) rule restricting program benefit to “nonresidential” children under the following conditions.

- The child must be enrolled in a family day care home.
- The day care home provider must have legal power of attorney, custody or an agreement established by the military to provide residential care to the child being claimed for CACFP benefits.
- The child must be a dependent of military personnel deployed from their normal duty station as a result of the current situation.

The child may receive benefits for as long as he or she is in residence with the day care home provider or until USDA withdraws the exception. To claim reimbursement for children where the above conditions are met, CACFP contractors will need to keep records to document care provided under this exception. Specifically,

- records of children approved for care under this exception,
- proof of deployment of the child’s parent or legal guardian related to the current situation, and
- documentation of legal power of attorney, custody or an agreement established by the military to provide residential care to the child being claimed for CACFP benefits.

Records kept to document this exception are subject to standard CACFP record retention and review requirements. Since these children are considered to be nonresidential participants, the terms of their participation will be consistent with that of all other nonresidential children.

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice