OGATING PROGRAM HANDBOOKS

Purpose

To inform contractors of the policy and procedures for requesting a Child and Adult Care Food Program for Day Care Homes (CACFP-DCH) Handbook.

Implementation

Beginning May 3, 2004 you must use the procedures provided in this Policy Alert to order a CACFP-DCH Handbook.

Background

The CACFP-DCH Handbook is made up of these primary components in its entirety:

- Policy Text
- Forms Section
- Policy Releases
- Cover inserts and divider tabs

The CACFP-DCH Handbook is available for viewing and/or downloading from the internet free of charge in its entirety at the SNP web site address: http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/snp. This includes the Policy Text, Forms Section and Policy Releases.

SNP currently provides the day care home sponsor an initial paper copy of a program handbook at no cost. However, if you lose your handbook or need to replace it, you will be assessed the following fee per handbook ordered:

- $26.20 if you just want the policy text; or
- $72.40 for the entire handbook (Policy Text, Forms Section and Policy Releases).

How to Order

You may submit your handbook order by mail, FAX or e-mail as follows.
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  • 7-digit Program (TX) Number  
  • address where you want the handbook sent  
  • purpose for the request (new facility, lost or replacement copy)  
  • Be sure to indicate if you *do not* want the cover inserts and dividers.  
  2. Send your written request to  
  SNP Handbook Coordinator  
  Special Nutrition Programs, Mail Code Y-906  
  Health and Human Services Commission  
  P.O. Box 149030  
  Austin, TX 78714-9030  
  3. Enclose a check or money order, if required, payable to DHS for the amount corresponding to the version of the handbook being ordered (policy text only or entire handbook). |

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