POLICY ALERT

Date: April 15, 2005
Reference: # CACFP DCH 2005-9
To: Child and Adult Care Food Program-Day Care Homes (CACFP-DCH) Sponsors
Subject: Determining Size and Income for Households with Deployed Military Members
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

To extend the “Operation Enduring Freedom” exception issued in Policy Alert CACFP DCH 2004-3 on the treatment of income for free and reduced price meal eligibility determinations from deployed military personnel and extend the exception to future deployments.

Background

In the past, policy was issued concerning the treatment of income from deployed military personnel engaged in a specific campaign, such as Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom/Nobel Eagle. However, military deployments are initiated with little or no advance warning and each deployment receives a unique designation. In recognition of these special issues, this Policy Alert continues the exception to Operation Enduring Freedom and applies it to other future military deployments.

Implementation

This policy will remain in effect until rescinded or replaced by legislation, regulation, or future policy.

Procedure

Determining Household Income and Size

You are to count only that portion of the deployed service member’s income made available by them or on their behalf to the household as income to the household. Instruct families to include the names and that portion of income made available to the household from deployed service members on Form H1531-H, Child Nutrition Program Application. The determining official will count the service member as part of the household in establishing a day care home provider’s eligibility for tier I reimbursement rates.

Children Who Temporarily Resides with a Day Care Home Provider

If a child lives with a day care home provider while the service member(s) is deployed, the child would not be considered a “provider’s own” child. In this special situation, the child would continue to participate in the meal service as a nonresidential participant. To claim reimbursement for program meals, the day care home provider must have:

• power of attorney,
• custody, or
• an agreement established by the military to provide residential care to the child.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Policy Alert, please contact your Area Program Office.

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice