POLICY ALERT

Date: May 5, 2011
Reference: # CACFP DCH 2011-07
To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Day Care Homes (CACFP DCH) Sponsors
Subject: Eligibility of Children Evacuated from Japan and Bahrain
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

PROVIDE guidance to sponsoring organizations in determining eligibility for children and households evacuated from Japan due to the recent disasters and Bahrain due to political unrest.

Implementation

Immediately

Procedure

Children evacuated from Japan and Bahrain, residing in an emergency shelter, are eligible for Tier I meals if the emergency shelter has certification from the agency that assisted with the evacuation or is providing shelter, that the child is homeless. No further information is required to certify the child’s eligibility.

If the child is not residing in an emergency shelter, the sponsor should have an adult living with the child complete a Form H1531 or H1531-S, Child Nutrition Program Application, indicating the child is homeless. No further information is required to certify the child’s eligibility for Tier I meals.

Additionally, if the host family (including a provider) applies for Tier I meals for their own children, they may include the homeless family as household members if the host family provides financial support to the homeless family, such as shelter, utilities, clothing or food. The host family must also include any income received by the homeless family. The sponsor will determine Tier I eligibility in the traditional manner. Tier I eligibility of the homeless child is based on the documentation received from the homeless liaison, or other source (Form H1531 or H1531-S from an adult living with the child certifying the child is homeless), even if the child is included on the host family’s application. NOTE: Tier I eligibility for the homeless child does not extend to the host family’s own children.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Community Operations office.

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