POLICY ALERT

Date: September 30, 2004
Reference: # NSLP/SBP 2004-11
To: National School Lunch/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) Contractors
Subject: Extension of Waiver Requirement for Weighted Averages
Effective Date: July 1, 2004

Purpose
To extend the waiver of the requirement to use weighted averages for nutrient analysis of school lunches and breakfasts from September 30, 2003 to September 30, 2009. This replaces Policy Alert NSLP/SBP 99-3, Waiver of Weighted Averages.

Implementation Date
July 1, 2004.

Procedure
This waiver is extended to all schools using nutrient analysis, whether for the Nutrient Standard Menu Planning or if a school is conducting nutrient analysis for one of the Food-Based Menu Planning Methods.

This extension does not prohibit a school from continuing to use weighted averages when conducting nutrient analysis of their school lunches and breakfasts. Using weighted averages is believed to be a more accurate and useful method of nutrient analysis since it is based on student selection, and therefore, allows schools to assess whether students are making healthier choices in school lunches and breakfasts. Schools can use the data resulting from using weighted averages to modify menus and design nutrition education programs to address any issues resulting from a nutrient analysis.

Authority
Section 110, Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 2004

Contact
If you have any questions, please contact your Area Program Office.

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice