

Program Affected: Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program

Title of Rule: Simplified Cost Accounting and Other Actions to Reduce Paperwork in the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Notice Procedures

Stage of Rulemaking: Proposed rule is expected to be published by June 7, 2013

Is the Rule Currently Open for Public Comment? The rule will be open for public comment for 90 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register

Rule Summary:

- This rule proposes changes to the Summer Food Service Program regulations to incorporate changes mandated by Section 738 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, which extends simplified cost accounting and reporting procedures to sponsors in all States.
- This rule proposes to eliminate the cost comparison requirements for determining payments to Program sponsors and a number of additional simplifications to improve administrative efficiency and reduce paperwork in the management of the Summer Food Service Program.
- These proposed modifications are consistent with the simplified cost accounting and reporting procedures established by law and implemented by FNS through policy memoranda.
- The purpose of the simplified procedures is to encourage more organizations to provide meals to children and increase the number of children participating by providing sponsors with a simplified reimbursement based on the number of meals served rather than requiring cost records to establish the reimbursement.
- This rule would also create consistency in the National School Lunch Program and the other Child Nutrition Programs by proposing changes to the small purchase acquisition threshold, standard contracts, and delivery and receipt of notices that may affect the reimbursement and participation of a school food authority, food service management company, or sponsor.