



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)
POLICY STATEMENT FOR NEW SPONSORS

FOR ALL SPONSORS:

_____ has agreed to participate in the Summer Food Service Program
(Name of Sponsoring Organization)
and accepts responsibility for providing program benefits to eligible children in the site(s) under its jurisdiction. The Sponsor assures the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) that although there is no separate charge established for meals, it will uniformly implement the following policy. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Sponsor:

- A. Agrees that in operation of the Program, no child shall be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, or political beliefs. (Not all prohibited bases apply to this program.)
- B. Agrees to establish a procedure to account for meals claimed.

FOR SPONSORS OF CAMPS AND ENROLLED SITES ONLY, in addition to A and B, the Sponsor:

- C. Agrees that no meals will be claimed unless there is adequate documentation on file to support the claim. Adequate documentation (for each child's family) includes household income received by each household member, identified by source of income; names of all household members; social security number of either the head of household/primary wage earner or the adult signing the application; and the signature of an adult member of the household. Adequate documentation for a child who is a member of a food stamp or Temporary Assistance (TA) unit includes the name(s) and appropriate food stamp or Temporary Assistance case number(s) for the child(ren) and the signature of an adult member of the household.
- D. Agrees to maintain on file for three years all documentation to support claims.
- E. Agrees that there will be no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any child. The names of the children for which meals may be claimed shall not be published, posted, or announced in any manner, and there shall be no overt identification of any such children by any means. Further assurance is given that all children shall be served the same meals.

Shall describe below the method used for collecting payments from children who pay the full price of the meal while preventing the overt identification of children receiving a free meal:

- F. Shall attach a sample of the Income Eligibility Application, parent letter, and public release to be used. If the DHSS prototype forms will be used, indicate in the space below and do not attach the forms. Shall describe below the method for accepting Income Eligibility Applications:

- G. Agrees to designate _____ (Name and Title) to make determinations of eligibility for purpose of claiming meals. The official will use the USDA eligibility criteria to make eligibility determinations conforming to the family size and income standards for reduced price school meals determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- H. Agrees that the application and parent letter and/or any other descriptive material distributed to parents or guardians shall contain only the family size and income levels for reduced price school eligibility. It shall also include an explanation that households with income less than or equal to these values would be eligible for free meals. The application and parent letter shall not contain the income standards for free meals. It shall contain a statement that if a child is a member of a food stamp or Temporary Assistance unit, the child is automatically eligible to receive free program meals, subject to completion of an application as described in C of this policy statement. Finally, a statement shall also be included to the effect that "In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. If such children are living with you and you wish to apply for such meals, please contact us."
- I. Will establish a hearing procedure for families wishing to appeal a denial of an application for free meals. The Sponsor assures that if a family requests a hearing, the child shall continue to receive free meals until a decision is rendered.

FOR SPONSORS OF OPEN SITES ONLY, in addition to A and B, the Sponsor:

- J. Agrees that no meals will be claimed unless there is adequate documentation on file to support the eligibility as an open site. Adequate documentation includes, but is not limited to census data and/or school data verifying 50 percent or more of the children meet the 185 percent poverty guidelines.
- K. Agrees to maintain on file for three years all documentation to support claims for reimbursement.
- L. Assures that all children shall be served the same meals.

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR		SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE	
TITLE	DATE	TITLE	DATE