



Program Integrity Final Rule

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Purpose

- Ensure that child nutrition programs are properly operated and managed to protect federal funds and taxpayer dollars.
- Strengthen program integrity by modernizing how state agencies oversee child nutrition programs.
- Ensure that child nutrition programs can serve the millions of children who depend on them to reach their full potential.



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- This is a high-level summary.
- TDA is waiting on more guidance from USDA.
- Affects all Child Nutrition Programs, but this presentation will focus on the school programs (NSLP and SBP).



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Administrative Reviews

Allows state agencies to:

- Take fiscal action for repeated violations for milk type and vegetable subgroup requirements.
- Modify or eliminate redundant areas of the review with USDA approval.
- Modify or eliminate areas of the review in which reforms designed to reduced program error have been implemented.

****Dependent on USDA guidance and creation of new technologies****



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Fines for Violating Program Requirements

Allows state agencies to impose a fine against a School Food Authority for non-compliance in exceptional (rare) circumstances.

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Food Service Management Companies

Requires state agencies to annually review and approve each contract amendment between any School Food Authority and FSMC.

Defines fixed-price contract.

Requires that the value of USDA Foods accrue only to the SFA's nonprofit food service account.



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Annual Procurement Training

Requires school nutrition directors, management, and staff who work on NSLP procurement to complete annual training on procurement.





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