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November 2024 Monthly Newsletter

Updates to Federal Financial Regulations (2 CFR 200)

On October 1, 2024, a Final Rule was implemented that made significant updates to 2 CFR 200. While most changes appear to not affect the Nutrition and Household Programs administered by TDA, there are several changes that will impact our operators, including:

- Equipment threshold increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This means that as of October 1, 2024, only equipment purchases of \$10,000 or more require a Capital Expenditure request.
- The single audit threshold has increased from \$750,000 to \$1 million. This means that any operator that expends more than \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2025 will need to conduct a single audit. Note that any operator that expended more than \$750,000 in FY 2024 will also need a single audit.
- For the few operators using the de minimis indirect cost rate, the percentage of modified total direct costs used to derive the rate has increased from 10% to 15%, and the threshold of federal reimbursement factored into the modified total direct cost amount has been increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- The aggregate amount of unused supplies (including computers under \$10,000 each) that an operator can retain or sell at the time of closeout has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Note that if the amount is over \$10,000, TDA will be entitled to a percentage of the fair market value of the supplies or the amount received in the sale of those supplies.

Fiscal Year 2025 CACFP & SFSP

[Area Eligibility Data Now Available!](#)

At the beginning of the fiscal year, USDA releases a special tabulation of data provided by the United States Census Bureau for CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) and SFSP (Summer Food Service Program). This data set can be used to establish area eligibility in both CACFP and SFSP. The USDA mapping tools have been updated to reflect the October 1, 2025 changes.

Click [here](#) to explore the area eligibility map. The data set is also available for download on [FNS' open data site](#).

[New Farm to School Grant Opportunity for NSLP/CACFP/SFSP](#)

Applications are now open for the 2025 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Programs for Child Nutrition Program providers participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and/or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This year, the Request For Application (RFA) has been split into three (3) separate solicitations, two (2) of which are applicable to program operators.

[The Revised Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#)

The Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) has been revised to reflect the final rule, “Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020–2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans”. This important resource assists CNP operators, food manufacturers, and other stakeholders with purchasing the correct amounts of foods for CNP and determining the contribution that each food makes toward meal pattern requirements. The FBG is available as a Web Tool, Mobile App, and downloadable PDF. The FBG can be accessed [here](#).

[Revised Crediting in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet Series!](#)

The Crediting in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet series has been revised to reflect the changes with the Final Rule, “Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.” The Crediting in the Child Nutrition Programs tip sheet

series consists of seven tip sheets covering the five meal components: fruits, vegetables, meats/meat alternates, fluid milk, and grains (three separate tip sheets).

The revised versions introduce the menu-planning flexibilities beginning July 1, 2024, and changes that will be implemented in the coming school years in a quick-reference format.

Access the entire tip sheet series today in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#). The series will be available in print at a later date!

[Crosswalk of 2 CFR 200 Updates](#) [Posted on SquareMeals](#)

On October 25, TDA posted news on SquareMeals about updates to 2 CFR 200, the regulation that pertains to use of federal awards. While most updates are non-substantive in nature, some operators have requested to see a full list of the 560 changes to the regulation. TDA has posted on the Policy/Handbook pages of each program a USDA-provided [Excel crosswalk](#) of every edit made to the regulation.

[RELEASE: Updated Pre-Award Civil Rights Compliance Review Form](#)

The Pre-Award Civil Rights Compliance Review Form must be completed by new Contracting Entities (CEs) in all Child Nutrition and Household Programs prior to being approved for participation. This form has recently been updated to clarify that visual observation to obtain estimated racial/ethnic data is not allowable in CACFP and SFSP. Note that visual observation is not explicitly prohibited in any other program at this time. The form has also been updated with additional sources that a prospective CE may use to obtain the estimated data for the upcoming program year. The updated form is available in TX-UNPS and on each applicable program's Administration/Forms page.

[TANS Update](#)

The Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS) will replace TX-UNPS for administration and management of all programs beginning with Program Year 2026 applications. Timelines, resources, and updates are available now on the [Systems Hub](#).



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