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Public Notification – 2022 Summer Food Service Program Waivers Request

The Puerto Rico's Department of Education, State Agency of Child Nutrition will submit statewide waivers to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO) for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) request flexibilities and policies that were rescinded by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) through SFSP 01-2019 Summer Food Service Program Memoranda Rescission. SFSP's sponsors interested to request waivers, please submit application to the SA on April 8, 2022. The following areas will be submitted for consideration:

1. 7 CFR 225.15(d): First Week Site Visit – Policy waiving first week SFSP site visits for returning sites that operated successfully the previous summer with no serious deficiency findings.
2. 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii): Offer versus Serve – Policy extending the Offer Versus Serve (OVS) meal service model to non-SFA sponsors.
3. 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1): Meal Service Time – Policy waiving some meal time restrictions; specifically, the minimum amount of time that must pass between meals and snacks

The goal of these waivers is to reinstate the rescinded flexibilities and policies to allow for efficient and cost-effective program management and reduce the administrative burden for sponsoring organizations and the PR's SA Staff. Information regarding the approval or denial of these waiver requests will be provided to sponsors via email once USDA makes the determination. For more information, please contact Carmen M. Vega Nevárez, SFSP Coordinator at vega_car@de.pr.gov