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TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #24-12
Questions and Answers Related to the Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program

On April 27, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published the interim rule, *Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*. This interim rule is available on the USDA's Web site at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-27/pdf/2012-10229.pdf>.

Under section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, an additional reimbursement of 6 cents per lunch is available for school food authorities certified to be in compliance with the new school meal patterns. The interim rule establishes the requirements related to certification and this new performance-based reimbursement.

The attached Questions and Answers provide additional information on these requirements.

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