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Superintendent of Public Instruction

Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition Jennifer Miller *Director*

MEMORANDUM

To: Family Child Care Sponsors

From: Jennifer Miller, Director, Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition

Date: October 13, 2004

Re: Duration of Tiering Status for Family Day Care Homes in the Child and Adult Care

Food Program: Reauthorization 2004

FY 04 Child and Adult Care Food Program, Family Child Care Policy Memorandum

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Section 119 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) changed the duration of the tiering status determinations for family day care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) when based on school data from three years to five years. This change amends section 17 of the National School Lunch Act and went into effect on June 30, 2004.

Sponsoring organizations of family day care homes are now required to redetermine the tiering status of day care homes based on school data every five years instead of every three years. Thus, the tiering status of newly participating homes, with signed agreements as of June 30, 2004, will be redetermined in five years (2009). The tiering status of currently participating family day care homes, whose tiering status is based on a three-year redetermination cycle, may be extended by two years for a total of five years.

Sponsoring organizations must keep tiering status documentation on file to support school data and year of determination.

The duration of the tiering status by school data is the only change to tiering determinations. All other aspects of the tiering process, including the receipt and transmittal of school date, as described in the CACFP regulations at section 226.6 (f)(9) remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 614-466-2945.

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