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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), **FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES SPONSORS**

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SUBJECT: FY 2013-2014 Income Eligibility Packet: Instructions, Income Guidelines and Application

The Income Eligibility Application (IEA) for Free or Reduced-price Meal Benefits to be utilized for FY 2013- 2014 is attached. The packet includes Sponsor Instructions, Income Eligibility Guidelines, Income Eligibility Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals and the Household Letter to enrolled participant's parent/guardians and Providers. **The Guidelines and Income Eligibility Application are effective as of July 1, 2013.**

The Income Eligibility Application (income form) and Household Letter have been revised to include the following **NEW** changes for the next year

- The updated USDA Nondiscrimination Statement has been added to the packet: and to the household and provider letter.

Reminder: Households are no longer required to report changes regarding the increase or decrease of income or household size or when the household is no longer certified eligible for Food Assistance and/or OWF. Once properly approved for free or reduced-price benefits, a household will remain eligible for those benefits for a period not to exceed 12 months. **However**, providers tiered as Tier I by income must immediately report any changes to their sponsor.

After July 1, 2013, begin including the Income Eligibility Application and Household Letter (front and back) in your enrollment packet for new enrollees. Applications on file that are not expired must be updated by comparing and, if necessary, re-categorizing them with the enclosed FY 2013-2014 Income Guidelines. A sponsor may choose to distribute the new income eligibility applications to all children enrolled even though the form on file has not expired. Collecting new income eligibility applications for every enrolled participant in July can simplify recordkeeping. Remember that all Income Eligibility Applications must be completed every twelve calendar months (Example: A form signed July 1, 2013 (by the sponsor) will expire July 31, 2014).

Income Eligibility Application forms and Household Letters are to be copied as needed and are available on the ODE website: www.education.ohio.gov Please remember that the confidentiality of participant eligibility must be protected and that information can only be released for those purposes permitted by federal laws. If you have questions or require additional assistance, please call our ODE customer service at 614-466-2945 or toll free at 800-808-6325.

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