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Hello,

Thank you for submitting your Summer Food Service Program waiver via the 2022 Summer Food Service Program Waiver Request Form. Here's a summary of your request. If you see that any details are not correct or if you wish to change your submission, please contact your Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office.

Regards,

The Food and Nutrition Service Waiver Team

Region:  
MWRO

State:  
Ohio Department of Education

Name of State director:  
Brigette Hires

State agency mailing address:  
25 S. Front St., Mail Stop 303, Columbus, OH 43215

Name and title of person completing this form:  
Brigette Hires

Do you have authority to complete this waiver request on behalf of the State director?  
I am the State director.

Email address of person completing this form:  
Brigette.Hires@education.ohio.gov

Email address for each State agency staff for FNS to include on the waiver response:  
Brigette.Hires@education.ohio.gov, Elizabeth.Douglass@education.ohio.gov

Waiver type:  
First Week Site Visits requirement at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2)

Statewide or specific service provider:  
Statewide

Name of service provider, if applicable:

Is the service provider in good standing, if applicable:

What challenges would sponsors face without the waiver?

["Increase in administrative burden.", "Increase in labor costs.", "Exacerbation of staffing shortages."]

How will the waiver benefit sponsors?

["Streamline processes", "Control costs", "Support program integrity by facilitating in-depth and effective technical assistance for new sites during the first week of operations."]

Regulations and statute to be waived:

I agree this request is to waive the regulations at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2), only.

Describe the program procedures that will be in place under the waiver:

The waiver will not affect state operations. Sponsors will be informed of the waiver, through technical assistance and sponsor communications, but encouraged to conduct the first week visits for new sites and sites with issues in the past.

Describe any anticipated challenges under the waiver:

No challenges anticipated, it will actually decrease challenges for the sponsors and be able to focus their efforts on new sites and returning problematic sites.

Waiver period:

I agree to the waiver period of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023.

Describe the steps the State agency of service provider will take to successfully implement the waiver:

The state agency has to approve the sponsor use of the waiver in the Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System. The waiver will be reviewed as part of the SFSP compliance review process. The state agency will also use the bi-weekly email to communicate technical assistance on this waiver and discuss the waiver during program training.

Please provide a link to the public notice:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Food-and-Nutrition/Resources-and-Tools-for-Food-and-Nutrition/Food-and-Nutrition-Waivers>

Signature and title of requesting official:

Brigitte Hires, Director

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