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### **Summer Nutrition Requirements - Correction**

In October, TDA notified SFAs with 60 percent or more of the enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the NSLP of their obligation to participate in a 2010 summer nutrition program for at least 30 days. While we strongly encourage schools participating in either program to serve meals throughout the summer, the 30-day minimum requirement only applies to SFAs participating in the Seamless Summer Option. In addition, if the SFA will only be serving meals during the summer school session, we also encourage you to work with local organizations to continue to serve the children in your community during July and August.

### **Accommodating Special Diets and H1N1**

School Food Authorities (SFAs) are required to provide meals to students who have documented special diets during an H1N1-related school closure. This information was not included on the Form FND-129, Waiver Form for School Closure due to H1N1. SFAs that have not yet submitted Form FND-129 must include information describing how they will accommodate special diets. If you have received an approval letter of your waiver requests to serve meals during an H1N1-related school closure, you must submit a written plan to TDA when your school(s) close and you begin meal service. The plan must describe how the SFA will accommodate special diets during the emergency feeding. This information has been added to our H1N1 Information Web page at [www.SquareMeals.org/H1N1](http://www.SquareMeals.org/H1N1).

### **Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) Benefits**

The attached USDA Memo, SP 05-2010, Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) Benefits for Children Certified as Eligible to Receive Free and Reduced Price School Lunch During School Closures provides information regarding P-SNAP benefits for children certified for free or reduced price school lunches whose schools are closed for at least five (5) consecutive days during a pandemic emergency declaration. In this case, the pandemic would be H1N1. TDA is currently working with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop a process to provide these benefits to all households including children eligible to receive free or reduced price school lunch. This benefit is only available from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and only during a time period in which the area has been designated as under a pandemic emergency. We will inform you of any updated information that will affect school food authorities (SFAs) as the process is developed.

