

May 9, 2022

Ms. School for Blind and Deaf
Dr. Jeremy Stinson, Superintendent
1403 Eastover Drive
Jackson, Ms. 39211-0000

Dear Dr. Stinson:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) during the week of February 16, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on April 28, 2022. The regulations governing the Administrative Review (7 CFR 210.18) require the SA to review two Critical Areas: Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement) and Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality). The Review additionally covers several General Areas of Review. Over the course of the SA Review, **five (5) total findings were identified, including three (3) relating to Performance Standard 1 and 2.** The findings which were identified are described below.

Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.9 (b) (9), the SFA must count the number of reimbursable meals served to eligible children at the point of service or through another counting system approved by the State Agency. On the DOR, the Reviewer observed that four (4) meals were returned to the cafeteria after classroom delivery. There was no clear communication between the individual delivering the meals and the individual recording the meal counts regarding the meals that were not served and therefore not reimbursable. The staff corrected the meal counts on the DOR to ensure that an overclaim would not occur during claim consolidation at the end of the month. However, in order to demonstrate corrective action, the SA suggests that the SFA train all individuals involved in meal counting and claiming (including those delivering meals and those recording the counts) regarding proper procedures for recording accurate counts. The SFA must institute some procedure to ensure that reimbursed meals are only distributed and consumed by eligible children.

Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)

- Snacks planned and served as part of the ASCP must align with the meal pattern as described in 7 CFR 210.10(o)(2). The Reviewer noted that the number of snacks counted and/or claimed for reimbursement were missing required meal components and are therefore not reimbursable. In order to implement and demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a plan to ensure snacks are compliant with the meal pattern.

Due to a violation of 7 CFR 210.10(o)(2), the SA has determined that the following reimbursed meals are unallowable for January 2021. These funds will be recouped through a claim adjustment.

Rate desc.	Rate	Meals Claimed	Meals Verified	Paid Amount	Corrected Amount	Difference
Snack Reimbursement Rate	1.00	663	0	\$663.00	\$0.00	\$663.00
TOTAL OVERCLAIMED						\$663.00

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10(h)(2)(i), a nutrient analysis must be performed to determine the average levels of calories, saturated fat, and sodium in the meals offered to each age grade group over a school week. Over the course of the Review, the SFA was unable to provide sufficient documentation for a nutrient analysis to be conducted. In order to implement and demonstrate corrective action, the SA suggests that the SFA submit sufficient documentation, such as a nutrient analysis of the planned menu, for the SA to ensure that meals served are in compliance with the meal pattern.

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

- In accordance with SP 39-2019, water made available to students in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) shall not compete with the milk requirement. The reviewer noted that bottled water available for students was stored in the same cooler as the milk. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a plan to ensure water will not compete with milk.
- The Reviewer noted that the Afterschool Snack Program had not been monitored within the first four (4) weeks of operation. In order to implement and demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must complete a review of the ASCP and submit a plan to ensure that monitoring is completed within federal timeframes.

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The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **June 9, 2022**. This response must be entered into the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS) by an authorized signatory for the Child Nutrition Programs. If an authorized signatory is unable to access the Compliance module in MARS, the district must submit a corrective action plan on District letterhead that is signed by an authorized signatory.

In accordance with the criteria established in the regulations, a total of **\$663.00** is being assessed. **In order to recoup these funds, the Office of Child Nutrition (OCN) will adjust future claims until the full amount is recouped.** Pursuant to regulations, an organization has the right to appeal a monetary assessment imposed. Any appeal of a monetary assessment must be filed with the SA within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Please refer to the enclosed copy of appeal procedures.

In addition to conducting the AR, one of the functions of the SA is to provide Technical Assistance (TA). During the course of the review, the SA Reviewer provided TA in several areas to the CND. TA is documented in MARS, specifically in the "Technical Assistance" section of the "Compliance" Module. TA is provided for the improvement of the program operations and is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend the SFA for working diligently with the SA over the course of the review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, or if you would like to request additional assistance, please email me at yfulton@mdek12.org or call Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yumetrice Fulton', written in a cursive style.

Yumetrice Fulton, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022
Alison Bradford, Food Service Director

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July 8, 2022

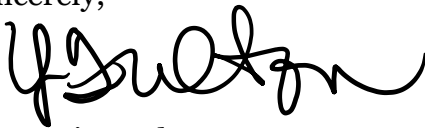
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Dear Dr. Stinson:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2021-2022 National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) has been received and accepted in the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS). We are closing the file on this review.

If you have any questions concerning this review or need assistance, please call Marianna Chauvin or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Yumetrice Fulton, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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