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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Database Release 17

TO: Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

State Directors  
Child Nutrition Programs  
All States

The Child Nutrition Database Release 17 (CN17) was made available at the Healthy Meals Resource System website on August 5, 2013. Computer software companies with software approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Nutrient Analysis are required to update their software with CN17. This release can be downloaded by visiting: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html>.

The CN Database is an integral part of the nutrient analysis software approved by USDA. We expect software companies with USDA-approved software to incorporate CN17 into their products and to make the new version of the software available to current users no later than November 8, 2013. Anyone who does not receive an update with the current CN Database by November 8, 2013 should contact his or her software company.

The following chart provides a snapshot of the content of CN17 and a summary of new and updated items:

CN17 Content	Total in Category	New / Updated
Active Food Items	12,578	844 New / 552 Updated
Standard Reference Food Items	3,598	440 New / 156 Updated
Food Industry Items	8,453	303 New / 228 Updated
USDA Standardized Recipes	288	30 New / 0 Updated
USDA [commodity] Food Items	239	71 New / 168 Updated
Nutrient Values	198,402	25,106 New / 33,469 Updated

It is important to note that school food manufactures may also visit the CN Database website at: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html> to add and/or update the nutrient information for the products they make available to the school market place. All new and updated nutrient information will be included with the next annual springtime release of the CN Database.

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Additionally, please note that the following programs have been removed from the list of USDA-approved software found here: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/menu-planning/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-use>.

Programs Removed from Website:

CN Menus

LunchBox

Meal Tracker Menu Planning Solutions

PRIMA: Production, Recipes, Inventory, and Menu Analysis

WinSNAP

Please contact Tim Vázquez at (703) 305-2609, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the CN17 database within the required time frame.

**Original Signed**

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