

Compliance Certification

(6 Cent Rule)



6 cent reimbursement

- For lunch meals meeting the new requirements on October 1, 2012, and no earlier
- No deadline for submitting
- No option to opt out
- Annual adjustments yearly to the reimbursement amount based on inflation
- All schools in LEA must be certified



Certification Process

- LEA submits certification documentation
- SA makes determination within 60 days
- SA conducts validation review of 25 percent of certified LEAs
- Certified LEAs must annually attest
- Ongoing compliance is monitored during Administrative Review



Review Cycle

- CRE/SMI cycle
 - SY 2008-09
 - SY 2009-10
 - SY 2010-11
 - SY 2011-12
 - SY 2012-13 (Validation Reviews)
- Administrative Reviews
 - SY 2013-14
 - SY 2014-15
 - SY 2015-16



Certification

- Only certify once
 - Unless non-compliant during validation review
- Must submit documentation for one week of each menu offered, by grade group – both breakfast and lunch.



Certification Documentation

- Submit one week of menus
- Detailed menu worksheets showing food components and quantities for reimbursable meals
- A nutrient analysis or a simplified nutrient analysis of calories and saturated fat



Lunch Documentation

- Menus and menu worksheet – one week of each menu, by grade group, showing components and quantities
- Nutrient analysis or simplified nutrient assessment

(Menu worksheet and simplified nutrient assessment provided by USDA)



Breakfast Documentation

- Current Food Based Menu Planning for SY 2012-13
 - Menu and menu worksheet
 - No nutrient analysis or nutrient assessment
- Nutrient Standard Menu Planning for SY 2012-13
 - Menu (worksheet not required)
 - Nutrient Analysis using FNS approved software of saturated fat and calories



Breakfast Documentation

- Breakfast not effective until SY 2013-14.
- USDA tool does not include new breakfast requirements. Must submit documentation reflective of meal pattern in place at time of certification. (SA should consult with regional office to figure out what to do.)



Compliance

- If apply in SY 2012-13 demonstrate compliance with all 2012-13 requirements
- If apply in SY 2013-2014 demonstrate compliance with all 2013-14 requirements

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Specific Timeframe

- Documentation must reflect meal service for the month certification materials are submitted or the month proceeding.



State Agency Approval

- Beginning October 1, 2012, SA must make determinations within 60 days.
 - Ex. LEA submits documentation November 1, 2012, the SA must make determination by January 1, 2013



Reimbursement to LEA

- Begins the start of the month in which certified lunches are served
 - Ex. Documentation submitted for second week of October, certification starts at beginning of month



Validation Review

- SY 2012-2013 only
- Observe a meal service for each type of certified menu (by grade group)
- Review production records



Administrative Reviews

- First year of three year cycle begins SY 2013-14