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## October 2026 Monthly Newsletter

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### [PY 2027 Onsite Monitoring Waivers for Day Care Home Sponsors](#)

TDA is announcing the availability of the CACFP Day Care Home Sponsor Onsite Monitoring Waiver for Program Year (PY) 2027. As with the waiver available in PY 2026, day care home sponsors in good standing with an approved monitoring implementation plan can conduct one of their three required annual monitoring reviews offsite, pending approval of a submitted waiver request form.

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### [Promoting Real Food in Child Nutrition Programs](#)

USDA's Team Nutrition is pleased to announce the release of nutrition education and training resources designed to help Child Nutrition Program operators promote the clear, common-sense message of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030: Eat real food. These resources focus on eating whole, nutrient-dense foods.

Click the headline title to view the [full article](#).

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### [New Unanticipated CACFP Facility Closure Notification and Waiver Request Form](#)

TDA has just released the Unanticipated CACFP Facility Closure Notification and Waiver Request Form. Through June 30, 2027, independent CACFP centers facing an unanticipated closure, or sponsors of CACFP sites or providers that are forced to close temporarily due to an unanticipated weather or other emergency event, must notify TDA of the closure if these facilities intend to continue to serve meals, either from an alternate site or via non-congregate service at the closed site.

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## [Final Rule Memorandum: Simplified Geographic Preference Procurement in Child Nutrition Programs](#)

On September 30, 2026, USDA Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) released SP11-2026, CACFP 05-2026, SFSP 05-2026, [Simplified Geographic Preference Procurement in the Child Nutrition Programs](#). This memorandum provides information on the direct final rule published by FNA on September 9, 2026, titled, Simplified Geographic Preference Procurement in Child Nutrition Programs (91 FR 57245) effective November 9, 2026.

The rule does not change policy or implementation — it simply clarifies existing requirements to make the geographic preference option easier to understand and use the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. This rule also supports USDA's Harvest to Hallways Initiative to improve school meals and strengthen the connection between American agriculture and America's children.

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