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Reminder: Requirements for Students Transferring Meal Eligibility from Provision to non-Provision Schools

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ATTENTION: SUPERINTENDENTS, CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTORS/, DETERMINING OFFICIALS

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance on determining eligibility for students transferring meal eligibility from Provision to non-Provision schools.

Effective July 1, 2019, local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to provide free, reimbursable meals to students who receive free meals at a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 school and during the year transfer to a non-Provision school. Schools must provide these students with free, reimbursable meals for up to 10 operating days or until a new eligibility determination for the current school year is made, whichever comes first.

This is an existing requirement for transfers within the same LEA, but as of July 1, 2019, it is now required for transfers between LEAs.

In Arkansas, the meal benefit can be extended for up to 30 operating days or until a new eligibility is determined for the current school year, whichever comes first.

If you have questions or need assistance contact CNU or your Area Specialist at 501-324-9502.