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**TO:** Sponsors of Emergency Shelters

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**SUBJECT:** Expiration of Public Health Emergency and Reimbursement of Young Adults in CACFP

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Section 1107 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allowed emergency shelters participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to claim the meals and snacks served to young adults 19-24 years old residing in emergency shelters. Reimbursement was authorized from March 11, 2021 until the date the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted.

Based on current COVID-19 trends, the public health emergency is set to expire on May 11, 2023. At that time, the authorization to claim reimbursement for young adults 19-24 years old will expire and emergency shelters may only claim reimbursement for meals and snacks served to children age 18 and younger.

Please contact CACFP at 1-800-942-3858, option 4 if you have any questions.