TO: All CACFP Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes
FROM: Sandra Rhoades, Director, Child and Adult Care Food Program
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Tier I Eligible 2013 Census Block Groups

USDA recently issued the annual American Community Survey (ACS) data for use in determinations of Tier I eligibility for Day Care Home (DCH) Providers. This memorandum transmits the tables showing the Tier I eligible Block Groups by county and location. It also includes instructions for documenting a Provider’s address within the Block Group and information on using the Fair Data2000 website to map addresses. The use of this data is effective immediately upon receipt.

Please note the enclosed reports only include data for the special CACFP tabulation. Information for the eligible Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Census Blocks can be found on the Fair Data2000 website (instructions attached). In order to be eligible for Tier I using Census data, the Census Block Group must have 50% or more children living in households with incomes at 185% of the poverty level. Any value below 50% does not qualify as area eligible and has been removed from the dataset in the report.

Remember Tier I determinations based on Census data are now effective for five years. Further, USDA determined DCH providers are eligible for Tier I rates if they are located in a Census Block Group that qualifies under either CACFP or SFSP.

Use this data for new DCH Providers or those whose Tier I eligibility has expired. Sponsors should also review their current Tier II Providers to determine if they would now be eligible for Tier I rates using the ACS data. If the status of a Tier II Provider changes, then the Sponsor must pay the higher rate of reimbursement for the current month (the month of the re-determination) and forward. Note, there is no provision to pay retroactive reimbursement for the higher Tier I rates.

The procedure for documenting that a Provider’s address is within an eligible Block Group is contained in the attachment, Using FairData2000.com to Map Eligible Census Block Groups for Tier I Determinations. It includes the process for using the FairData2000 website to print a map showing the Provider’s address within the boundaries of the Block Group. Remember to place the printed map in the Provider’s file to document eligibility for Tier I rates.
Please contact a Homes Unit Nutritionist at 1-800-942-3858, select Option 3, if you have any questions.

Enclosures:
Using FairData2000.com Map Eligible Census Block Groups for Tier I Determinations
County specific Tier Eligible Block Groups – 2013 Census
Using FairData2000.com to Map Eligible Census Block Groups for Tier I Determinations

Go to: http://www.FairData2000.com

Click CACFP on the left side of the screen.

Scroll down to the CACFP Mapper Logo. Click on the Logo.

Interactive "Zoomable/Clickable" Thematic Map

To maximize the viewable area, toggle off the history folder, then select the F11 key. Map links can be e-mailed or bookmarked for future reference. Use the arrow buttons on your browser to compare previously viewed maps. Click the HELP icon for additional assistance.

Child and Adult Care Food Program Mapper (national scale map--zoomable to street-level)

Updated with USDA February 2013 dataset on February 22, 2013.
Click INFO for last year's data. See Map 3A for block groups where eligibility has changed since last year.
Click the **Find** button.

Enter the Provider’s full address in the pop-up window and click **Find**.
Using FairData2000.com to Map Eligible Census Block Groups for Tier I Determinations

This is the information you will need to qualify a provider for Tier 1 using the 2010 Census Data. If the column labeled **Eligible?** says “Yes”, the provider is qualified using Census Block data.

Print a copy of the internet page using the print function in your internet browser. Place it in the provider’s CACFP file. The page will look like the this when printed. You may need to adjust your computer’s font size to ensure the information in the box is readable.