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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Sponsors

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RE: Categorical Eligibility

USDA federal regulation 226.6(f)(10), requires the State Agency to provide all sponsoring organizations of day care homes with a list of categorically eligible State funded programs.

* Participation in the listed programs by a parent or a child will qualify a meal served to a child in a Tier II home for the Tier I rate of reimbursement.
* Participation in the **TANF** (Family Assistance Program and NH Employment Program) and USDA **SNAP** Programs qualify an applicant for the Tier I rate of reimbursement.

Listed below are the categorical programs that may be used to determine categorical eligibility.

* **TANF** participation and USDA **SNAP** Programs administered by the NH Health and Human Services Department
* **NH Fuel Assistance** Program administered by the Governor’s Office of Energy and Planning
* USDA **Commodity Supplemental Food** Program administered by the NH Health and Human Services Department
* USDA **National School Lunch and Breakfast** Program administered by the NH Department of Education

The Federal regulations apply only to Family Day Care Home children in a Tier II home.

Please refer to the **Eligibility Handbook** for more detailed requirements for eligibility determinations or contact your State Agency Child and Adult Care Food Program Specialist, Patty Carignan @

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