Aug. 15, 2014 [emailed to beth.berendsen@seiuhcil.org]

Beth Berendsen
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Dear Ms. Berendsen:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Aug. 12, 2014.

You have requested “copies of documents sufficient to show ISBE policies on charging parents for meals in the CACFP when their children are enrolled in either center or home based settings, including: 1. Income levels for programs as they correspond to a parent’s cost; 2. Amount of parent fees or charges allowed under the program, including any minimum or maximum amounts; 3. The manner in which a parent is to be charged or payments are to be collected.”

Illinois has chosen to follow the non-pricing program regulations for CACFP centers. 7CFR 226 – Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) can be viewed at the following link: http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/7/part-226.

The 7CFR 226.2 definitions describe a non-pricing program as “an institution, child care facility, or adult day care facility in which there is no separate identifiable charge made for meals served to participants.” A Permanent Agreement shows that each participating CACFP center institution certifies and agrees to follow the requirements of the Permanent Agreement which includes the non-pricing program definition. Please refer to page two of the attached document (15-037-berendsen-doc.pdf).

For CACFP homes, 7 CFR 226.18 (d) states “Each day care home participating in the program shall serve the meal types specified in its approved application in accordance with the meal pattern requirements specified in Part 226.20. Menu records shall be maintained to document compliance with these requirements. Meals shall be served at no separate charge to enrolled children.” For additional information, see item four on the second page of the attached document (15-037-berendsen-doc.pdf).

If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin at (217) 782-4648 or mgriffin@isbe.net.

Sincerely,
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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