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Latest News for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

[NEW! Waiver Allowing Offsite Monitoring for CACFP Sponsors](#)

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On October 23, 2024, USDA approved TDA's request to allow offsite monitoring flexibilities for sponsors of day care homes, unaffiliated child care centers, and unaffiliated adult day care centers. Flexibilities would allow sponsors in good standing to conduct one of the three required site visits offsite, with a possible second site visit to also occur offsite for sites over 100 miles or over 2 hours away from the sponsor's headquarters.

Before being able to use these flexibilities, TDA will require eligible CACFP sponsors to submit monitoring plans for review and written approval to include:

- The number and names of sites/providers the sponsoring organization intends to review offsite;
- List of providers over 100 miles from the sponsoring organization's office, if intending to conduct a second offsite review;
- How the sponsoring organization will determine eligibility for this waiver and verify the site/provider is in good standing;
- An attestation affirming there is not a field office or available staff member within a 100 miles or 2 hours of travel time of an eligible site/provider if requesting a second offsite review;
- How virtual monitoring reviews will be conducted via video (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, FaceTime, Google Duo, etc.);
- How sponsoring organization will address providers that miss their virtual review.
- How the sponsor will track, identify, and report which monitoring visits were done offsite; and
- An attestation stating that at least one onsite monitoring visit per home is unannounced and includes a meal service observation.

TDA is developing an online request form and template that will be released soon. Please watch the CACFP Policy/Arm page and newsletters for updates on these new request resources.

This waiver is in effect through September 30, 2025.

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