



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

To: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program

From: Mary Szafranski, Associate Superintendent
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Date: May 22, 2015

RE: HNS response to Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs SP 32-2015, SFSP 15-2015, CACFP 13-2015

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Child Nutrition Program sponsors information pertaining to State (Arizona) recognized medical professionals in response to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued guidance on March 30, 2015 regarding children with disabilities.

FNS recognizes that State laws permit certain medical professionals to treat patients and write medical prescriptions. Therefore, the list of acceptable medical professionals that may sign medical statements for meal accommodations in the Child Nutrition Programs has been expanded. Specifically, along with licensed physicians, and with at the discretion of the State agency, State-recognized medical professionals may complete and sign a medical statement for meal accommodations in the Child Nutrition Programs and recommend alternate foods for children whose disability restricts their diet. Additional details are found in the FNS guidance, Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs SP 32-2015, SFSP 15-2015, CACFP 13-2015, located on the ADE website at <http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/memorandum/>.

Title 32 of the Arizona Revised Statutes addresses Professions and Occupations, including licensing requirements and scope of practice. In Arizona, there are nine professions that can write medical prescriptions. The seven medical professionals listed below are permitted to complete and sign a medical statement for meal accommodations in the Child Nutrition Programs administered in Arizona.



Dentists (see A.R.S. §§ 32-1263.01(E), 32-1298)
Homeopathic Physicians (A.R.S. §§ 32-2934(O), 32-2951)
Naturopathic Physicians (A.R.S. §§ 32-1501, 32-1551(I), 32-1581)
Nurse Practitioners (A.R.S. § 32-1663(G))
Osteopathic Physicians (A.R.S. §§ 32-1855(J), 32-1871)
Physician Assistants (A.R.S. § 32-2532)
Physicians (A.R.S. §§ 32-1451(N), 32-1491)

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