**Effective Date of Free or Reduced Price School Meals Family Application Eligibility Determination 2021 - 2022**

According to USDA Policy Memo, SP 11-2014; CACFP 06-2014; SFSP 11-2014, the Local Education Agency (LEA) has flexibility to establish the effective date of certification for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Special Milk Program (SMP) benefits based on household applications. LEAs exercising this flexibility must do so for all students in all participating schools and Programs.

The two possible options are shown below along with an attestation for selection of the option. Please select the option for your LEA and attest to compliance with the option selected. My signature indicates the LEA will comply with the option selected and will notify the State Agency should the district consider changing to another option.

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| **OPTION 1**  The LEA chooses to establish the date of *submission* of the **complete** Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application as the effective date of eligibility.  Attestation: The signature below indicates that the LEA has a method to document the date the **completed** application was submitted, such as a date stamp, and has a policy in place to refund any money paid by or on behalf of the child for a reimbursable meal or milk prior to the eligibility determination, including forgiveness of accrued debt.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  Printed Name of School Nutrition Administrator Signature Date |

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| **OPTION 2**  The LEA chooses to establish the date of *eligibility* as the date the LEA approves the **complete** Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application.  Attestation: The signature below indicates that the LEA has a method to document the date the **completed** application was eligible, such as a date stamp, and has a policy in place to refund any money paid by or on behalf of the child for a reimbursable meal or milk prior to the eligibility determination, including forgiveness of accrued debt.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  Printed Name of School Nutrition Administrator Signature Date |