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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: February 1, 2011

To: All Sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

From: Louis Brienza, Director, Nutrition Service Division

RE: Legal Status Verification for Public Benefits.

Federal and state law now requires applicants for public benefits to verify their legal status. As a SFSP recipient, a signed and sworn affidavit verifying the applicant's lawful presence in the United States is required. Please see (OCGA § 50-36-1(e)).

In order to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), each applicant's Authorized Representative (person legally responsible to enter into agreement with Bright from the Start) must complete and submit the *Affidavit Verifying Applicant Status for Summer Food Service Program Public Benefits*. The affidavit is available on Bright from the Start's website, the SFSP Data CD or via CNP 2000's available forms. The affidavit must be completed in full, notarized and returned with all hard copy SFSP application documents to:

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
**ATTENTION: NUTRITION SERVICES/Program Assistant**  
10 Park Place South, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Please again note that this affidavit is mandated by federal and state law. Bright from the Start cannot issue a waiver and has no discretion in requiring the completion of the affidavit.

Program eligibility will be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

For any questions regarding this memo, please contact the Nutrition Services staff by email at: [SFSP@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:SFSP@dec.al.ga.gov).

# Affidavit Verifying Applicant Status for Summer Food Service Program Public Benefits

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a public benefit referenced in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to application for participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Must provide name of natural person applying on behalf of business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity.)* Please specify the legal name of the business below:

\_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a United States citizen OR
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am otherwise a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.\*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant/Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Alien registration number for non-citizens

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

\* Note: O.C.G.A. § 5-36-1(e)(2) requires that aliens under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their alien registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of "alien," legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number: \_\_\_\_\_