

**POLICY BULLETIN  
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

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**SUBJECT: Update on Use of Expansion Funds**

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The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) regulations provide funds to family day care home sponsors to support activities to expand participation to homes located in low-income and rural areas. The regulation at 226.12(b) specifically limits funding of expansion grants to sponsors in areas other than those specified in a prior request. This means sponsors have more than one opportunity to access expansion but can only target a specific area once. In some instances, sponsors have used expansion funds to do statewide expansion projects. A state wide project is not an appropriate or effective use of expansion payment because it removes all opportunity for additional effort on the part of any institution participating in such a project. Moreover, by definition, expansion funds are provided to expand participation to homes located in low-income and rural areas. Since no "state" meets the definition of a rural area and it is equally unlikely that the entire state would be classified as low-income, it would be improper to engage in a statewide effort. Request must clearly identify a reasonable and specific under-served area. Expansion funds are not intended to be used as extra funding for routine outreach.

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