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Dear inTEAM Menu Compliance Tool Customers,

We are pleased to inform you that the USDA has reviewed and approved inTEAM's Menu Compliance Tool updates for the 2014-2015 school year for use in certification of compliance with lunch meal requirements.  Following is a summary of changes to the software reflecting the new regulations:

1.  Whole Grain Calculations
    a.  Breakfast- Weekly Whole Grains, Juice, Milk Served- The previous Whole Grains calculation of 50% of Grains must be Whole Grain-Rich has been updated to 100% of Grains must be Whole Grain-Rich.
    b.  Lunch- Weekly Whole Grains, Juice, Dessert, Milk Served- The previous Whole Grains calculation of 50% of Grains must be Whole Grain-Rich has been updated to 100% of Grains must be Whole Grain-Rich.
    c.  Lunch- Weekly Component Statistics- The previous Grains calculation only included the minimum amount of grains that must be served for the week to meet the regulation. Per USDA instructions, while districts only need to meet the minimum amount of grains served per week, software used must indicate whether menus exceed the proposed maximum amount of grains served for the week.  If the maximums are exceeded, the software will flag the value orange (instead of red) and a footnote stating: "As per the USDA policy memo regarding the flexibility with the meat/meat alternates and grains requirement, there will be no penalty for exceeding the maximum" will appear.
    d.  Lunch- Weekly Whole Grains, Juice, Dessert, Milk Served- The Dessert calculation has not changed from the previous year, as per USDA instructions.  The calculation counts Grain Based and Whole Grain-Rich Based desserts offered to ensure that less than or equal to 2 oz. eq. meet the regulation.
2.  Breakfast- Weekly Component Statistics- Whole Grains and Meat/Meat Alternate-Grains statistics will show both the minimum and maximum in the Menu Actuals row so that the user will know how the Total Grains is calculated.
3.  Lunch-Weekly Component Statistics- Meat/Meat Alternate- The previous calculation only included the minimum amount of Meat/Meat Alternate that must be served for the week to meet the regulation. Per USDA instructions, while districts only need to meet the minimum amount of Meat/Meat Alternate served per week, software used must indicate whether menus exceed the proposed maximum amount of Meat/Meat Alternate served for the week.
4.  The Sodium fields have now been enabled.
    a.  Breakfast and Lunch- This will require the user to enter the Sodium values for all menu items as Target 1 of the sodium regulation is in effect for the 2014-2015 school year.
    b.  Breakfast and Lunch- Daily Minimum for Meal Component/Daily Nutrient Statistics- Sodium will now appear in the menu actuals as it will be a required field for users. Remember that there is no daily regulation for sodium. Sodium populating in the Daily Minimum for Meal Component/Daily Nutrient Statistics is to be used as a tool for school districts as you plan your weekly menus to not exceed the weekly sodium maximum.
    c.  Breakfast and Lunch- Weekly Nutrient Statistics- Sodium Target 1 for the 2014-2105 will be indicated in the Regulation Minimum row.
    d.  Breakfast and Lunch- Weekly Nutrient Statistics- Sodium will now be indicating whether you are meeting the sodium regulation for the week based on the sodium accounted for within your menu items served for the week.
5.  Weekly Subgroups of Vegetables Served
    a.  Breakfast- Weekly Subgroups of Vegetables Served- Previously, the system did not identify any Vegetable Subgroups served during Breakfast. The system has since been updated to

indicate if vegetables are served in place of the fruit component. The first two cups served during the week must be from the Dark Green, Red/Orange, Beans/Peas and Other Vegetable Subgroups. If Starchy or Additional Vegetables are served prior to meeting the 2 cup requirement of the Dark Green, Red/Orange, Beans/Peas and Other Vegetable Subgroups within the week, the system will flag either the Starchy or Additional Veg to Reach Total as not meeting the vegetable subgroup regulation.

6. Breakfast- Weekly Whole Grains, Juice and Milk Served- Fruit Juice and Vegetable Juice regulations have been added. Fruit Juice cannot be more than 1/2 of all Fruit offered and Vegetable Juice cannot be more than 1/2 of all Vegetables offered. NOTE: With this regulation added into the 2014-2015 regulations, the software now also indicates two additional required orange fields for Fruit and Vegetable Juice similar to Lunch.

7. Breakfast and Lunch – Weekly Whole Grains, Juice and Milk Served – The calculation for the percent fruit juice and vegetable juice takes the amount of fruit/vegetable juice offered and divides by the maximum amount of fruit/vegetable including juice offered. NOTE: Per USDA instruction, the software now also indicates two additional required orange fields for Fruit incl. Juice Maximum offered and Vegetable incl. Juice Maximum offered.

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Sincerely,