**C15. Endorsement Email to Encourage Provider Participation**

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**Endorsement Email to Encourage Provider Participation**: English

**Subject:** USDA’s Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings II (SNACS-II)

Dear [Provider Contact First Name] Provider Contact Last Name],

Your [child care center / family child care home / at-risk afterschool center / outside-school-hours care center] was randomly selected to be part of the second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II). This important study, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), will help providers, sponsors and the USDA understand how the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operates so that it can better help children learn and grow.

Under the terms of Section 28 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, institutions participating in CACFP are required to participate in this data collection. We have been in contact with the study team and endorse the study and their work. The study is an important step for federal policymakers to better understanding the nutrition and physical activity children around the country in child care receive.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) selected Mathematica and its partner, Westat, to conduct this important study. A member of the study team will contact you in the next week to tell you more about the study and answer any questions that you may have.

If you would like to contact the study team now, please call [study phone] toll-free or email [study email].

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important study!

Sincerely,

Signature

[Name]

[Position]