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Record Retention

POLICY:

The Local Agency will maintain full and complete records concerning Program operations in accordance with Federal guidelines.

PROCEDURE:

A. Retention of Records

1. Records maintained by the Local Agency will include, but not be limited to information pertaining to:
 - a. Financial operations;
 - b. Food delivery systems;
 - c. Food benefit issuance and redemption;
 - d. Equipment purchases and inventory;
 - e. Certification;
 - f. Nutrition Education, including breastfeeding promotion and support;
 - g. Civil Rights; and
 - h. Fair hearing procedures.

B. Duration of Retention

1. All records will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years and one-hundred fifty (150) days following the date of submission of the final expenditure report for the period to which the report pertains.
2. If any litigation, claim negotiation, audit or other action involving the records has been started before the end of the three (3) year and one-hundred fifty (150) day period, the records will be kept until all issues are resolved, or until the end of the regular three (3) year and one-hundred fifty (150) day period, whichever comes later.
3. Records for nonexpendable property acquired in whole or in part with Program funds will be retained for three (3) years and one-hundred fifty (150) days after its final disposition.

C. Access to Records

All records, except medical case records of individual participants (unless they are the only source of certification data), will be available during normal business hours for representatives of the Department of Comptroller General of the United States to inspect, audit and copy.

D. Disposal of Records

Disposal of hard copy participant records will be restricted to methods (i.e., incineration or shredding) to ensure confidentiality.

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REFERENCES:

1. WIC Regulations 7 CFR 246.25 Records and Reports