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Internal - On-Site Questions	
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State Nutritional Standards	
1.	<p>Is the SFA in compliance with the standards set in place by the Colorado Healthy Beverages Policy 1 CCR 301-79?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Utilize the Colorado Healthy Beverages and Competitive Food Policies document for clarification on the alignment of the Colorado Healthy Beverage policy with the Smart Snack final rule. The CO Healthy Beverages policy is still effective throughout the extended school day.</p> <p>Extended school day is defined as any time students are at school after the regular school day,* including, but not limited to, participation in extracurricular activities or childcare programs.</p> <p><i>*District boards of education and the state Charter School Institute may permit the sale of other beverages at school related events where parents and other adults are in attendance. Such activities include, but are not limited to, selling food and beverages at events such as sporting events, school plays and band concerts.</i></p>
2.	<p>Is the SFA in compliance with the standards set in place by the State Competitive Foods Policy 2202-R-203.00?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Entities apart from the nonprofit school food service account cannot sell foods and/or beverages during the period of one-half hour before to one half hour after each meal service. The Colorado Competitive Foodservice Policy does not apply to mechanically vended beverages at the high school level.</p>
3.	<p>Is the current contract in compliance with the Colorado Healthy Beverage Policy 1 CCR 301-79?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Entities apart from the nonprofit school food service account cannot sell beverages that do not meet the smart snack and procurement requirements.</p>
4.	<p>Is the current contract in compliance with the State Competitive Foods Policy 2202-R-203.00?</p> <p>Tips:</p>

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Reduced-Price Lunch Protection Program	
5.	<p>Is the SFA in compliance with SB 08-123 and SB 09-033 by not charging students covered by Reduced Price Lunch Protection Program the reduced price paid for lunch?</p> <p>Tips: Colorado Senate Bills (08-123, 09-033, 14-1156, 18-013, and 19-1171) allows eligible SFA's to provide lunches at no charge for reduced-price eligible children in PK-12th grade only for sites participating in NSLP. SFAs may not charge reduced-price students the \$0.40 co-payment in grades PK-12 for lunch. Participating students must retain a reduced-price status for reporting, and the SFA must claim their meals as reduced-price. State funds reimburse SFAs the \$.40 co-payments for these meals.</p> <p>Sites that are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision will not have any reduced-price students.</p> <p>This question only applies to public schools, charters, and RCCI's/facility schools.</p>
6.	<p>Are claims being filed correctly regarding the Reduced Price Lunch Protection Program (i.e., claiming these meals as reduced for the federal claim)?</p> <p>Tips: The federal claim must still include reduced price lunches for PK-12. A common mistake is SFAs claiming all of these students as free. Students who qualify for reduced price meals must be claimed as reduced. The claim system will reimburse the SFA for the additional state funding for these meals. During the review, School Nutrition will check to ensure reduced price meals are being claimed accurately.</p> <p>Sites that are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision will not have any reduced-price students.</p> <p>This question only applies to public schools, charters, and RCCI's/facility schools.</p>
7.	<p>Is the SFA claiming meals only for children enrolled in state-subsidized early childhood education programs administered by public schools or in Kindergarten through Eighth grade and who are participating in the NSLP?</p>

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	<p>Tips:</p> <p>Pre-K students may participate in NSLP and be claimed for reimbursement if they meet the following criteria –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is licensed through the CO Dept of Early Childhood - The site is part of an approved SFA - The site offers instructional time during the school day for preschool aged students
Start Smart	
8.	<p>Is the SFA in compliance with SB 07-059 by not charging students in all grades for the reduced price for breakfast?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Per SP 07-059, reduced-price students in grades PK-12 cannot be charged the \$.30 co-pay for breakfast.</p> <p>Sites that are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision will not have any reduced-price students.</p> <p>This question only applies to public schools, charters, and RCCI's/facility schools.</p>
9.	<p>Are claims being filed correctly regarding the Start Smart Program (i.e., claiming these meals as reduced for the federal claim)?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>The federal claim must still include reduced-price breakfasts for PK-12. A common mistake is SFAs claiming all of these students as free. Students who qualify for reduced-price meals must be claimed as reduced. The claim system will reimburse the SFA for the additional state funding for these meals. During the review, School Nutrition will check to ensure reduced price meals are being claimed accurately.</p> <p>Sites that are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision will not have any reduced-price students.</p> <p>This question only applies to public schools, charters, and RCCI's/facility schools.</p>
Healthy School Meals for All	

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10.	<p>Does the SFA participate in the Healthy School Meals for All Program?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Public SFAs may opt into the Healthy School Meals for All program, which is a program where meals are provided free to all students enrolled in a public school, RCCI, facility or charter school that participates in the federal school lunch and breakfast programs, and the state provides additional funding to participating SFAs. More information on the program can be found on our Healthy School Meals for All webpage.</p>
11.	<p>Is the SFA in compliance with the Healthy School Meals for All Program by offering free meals to all students at participating sites?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>Breakfast and lunch must be provided free of charge to all students at sites in the SFA that participate in NLSP and/or SBP.</p> <p>Colorado House Bill 22-1414 allows eligible SFA's to provide lunches at no charge for students in PK-12th grade only for sites participating in NSLP and/or SBP. SFAs may not charge students in grades PK-12 for breakfast and lunch. Participating students in non-CEP schools must retain their status as free, reduced-price, or paid for reporting, and the SFA must claim their meals as accordingly. Additional information can be found here: https://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/healthy-school-meals-for-all-program.</p>
12.	<p>Are all eligible sites participating in CEP?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>HSMA program rules require sponsors to operate CEP at eligible sites.</p>
13.	<p>If opted in, is the SFA in compliance with allowable costs for the Healthy School Meals for All Program Local Food Program?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>N/A for SY2023-24.</p>
14.	<p>If opted in, is the SFA's advisory committee in compliance with the Healthy School Meals for All Program Local Food Program?</p>

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	<p>Tips:</p> <p>N/A for SY2023-24.</p>
15.	<p>If opted in, is the SFA in compliance with the Healthy School Meals for All Program wages and stipends by recording expenditures and providing funds to individuals that directly prepare and serve food for school meals?</p> <p>Tips:</p> <p>N/A for SY2023-24.</p>