



Addressing USDA ME Findings: Nutrition Services

Handout-Key Reminders

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Addressing USDA ME Findings

USDA's 8 Findings Relate To:

1. Test/Calibrate Scales
2. Breastfeeding Promotion for All PG Women
3. Exit Counseling
4. ATOD Information
5. Child Lead Testing Referrals
6. Issued More Than On Special Auth Form
7. Inappropriate Formula Amount
8. Shorten/Lengthen Certifications

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As of November 1, review these revised policies:

- [Appendix 8](#) Guide to Purchasing and Maintaining Anthropometric and Hematological Equipment and Breastpumps (pages 5-10)
- [NED 02.05.00](#) Exit Counseling
- [NED 02.01.00](#) Nutrition Education Contacts-Certifications
- [CRT 08.03.00](#) Alcohol, Drug and Other Substance Use-Information and Referrals
- [CRT 07.02.02](#) Determine Nutrition Risk - Blood Lead Test
- [CRT 08.02.00](#) Medical and Social Service Referrals
- [CRT 01.02.02](#) Change in Certification Periods
- [CRT 03.03.00](#) Certification and Recertification Appointments

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Summary-Addressing USDA ME Findings

In preparation for your next ME, are you:

- Testing/calibrating scales annually and keeping a record?**
- Asking moms about BF at PG certification?**
- Providing Exit Counseling to all PG, PP, BF moms?**
- Discussing ATOD information at every cert?**
- Referring children for lead testing?**
- Issuing only the amount indicated on Special Auth Form?**
- Making sure certifications are not shortened by >30 days?**

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