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**Subject: State and Local Agencies Agreement to Cooperate in Authorized Studies**

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Effective Date: **October 1, 2011**

Revised from:

**Policy:** The State WIC agency and Local WIC agencies in Kansas shall cooperate fully with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in completing authorized studies.

**Reference:** The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296 signed into law by President Obama on December 13, 2010. Section 305 of P.L. 111-296 amends section 28 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(i)), (NSLA) by adding a new provision to require State and local cooperation in USDA studies related to programs authorized under the NSLA or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA).

**Procedure:**

1. When requested by FNS, the SA and LA's as appropriate will fully cooperate and participate in completing studies.
2. The SA will disseminate information to LA's regarding the studies and will gather requested information in the format requested.
3. The SA will involve contracted vendors in providing data and information as appropriate.
4. The SA will strive to meet all required deadlines and will follow-up with LA's when necessary to ensure complete participation.