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## **FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Ms. Yolanda Hill Balanced Nutrition, Inc., Agreement #9460 5664 Marblehead Drive Colfax, NC 27235

Mr. Anthony J. Biller Envisage Law 2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27608

Ms. Tara Seidel Envisage Law 2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27608

RE: Balanced Nutrition, Inc. Update – Compliance Review and Associated Disallowances

Dear Ms. Hill, Mr. Biller, and Ms. Seidel:

Thank you for meeting with representatives from the NCDHHS Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in Raleigh on September 16, 2024 regarding Balanced Nutrition, Inc., Agreement #9460. The additional materials delivered by Balanced Nutrition, Inc. on September 12, 2024 and information provided prior to and at the Informal Conference related to the compliance review and associated disallowances have been reviewed by the State agency.

As a result of a review of the additional materials and a re-review of the overall case, the State agency has revised the findings from the Compliance Review conducted for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024. Please find enclosed copies of the revised FFY 2024 CACFP routine compliance review report, revised Meal Allowance/Disallowance forms, and revised Cost Allowance/Disallowance forms. Also enclosed are the State agency responses added to the document BN Documents Responsive to State Claims Against BN originally shared by Balanced Nutrition, Inc.

## **COMPLIANCE REVIEW FFY 2023-2024**

The initial compliance review found \$132,118.86 owed as indicated in correspondence from the State agency on July 26, 2024. However, the additional materials provided in September 2024 have been thoroughly reviewed, and the result is the removal of two facility findings and a reduction in the amount owed by Balanced Nutrition, Inc. to the State agency. The revised Disallowances for Meals and those for Costs being provided with this correspondence is the debt owed to the State agency. The revised amount owed to the State agency is \$101,142.05 based on additional documentation provided in September 2024 and a re-review of the overall case. An invoice will be prepared and sent to the address on file. Payment is expected within 30 days of receipt of the demand letter/invoice.

## **SUMMARY**

Balanced Nutrition, Inc., Agreement #9460 remains out of compliance in multiple areas of CACFP administration at both the Sponsor and the Facility level. The non-compliance has resulted in monies being owed back to the CACFP.

NCDHHS has issued revised disallowance forms to Balanced Nutrition, Inc. with this communication. The full disallowance owed by Balanced Nutrition, Inc. to the State agency is \$101,142.05 from the following:

- \$21,239.74 in disallowances for the test facilities under the sponsorship of Balanced Nutrition, Inc. included in the compliance review.
- \$79,902.31 in disallowances for the Sponsoring Organization (\$58,744.31 for centers and \$21,158.00 for day care homes).

NCDHHS appreciates Balanced Nutrition Inc.'s past participation in the CACFP and looks forward to closing the FFY 2024 compliance review.

If you have questions related to this process, please contact Rajeev K. Premakumar at (984) 800-1117 or <a href="mailto:Raj.Premakumar@dhhs.nc.gov">Raj.Premakumar@dhhs.nc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Ward

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Rajeev Premakumar Yvonne Copeland Madhu Vulimiri Enclosures: FFY23-24 Balanced Nutrition, Inc. Revised Compliance Review Report

NCDHHS Responses to BN Documents Responsive to State Claims Against

BN

Meal Allowance/Disallowance Forms Cost Allowance/Disallowance Forms