

**4227 Participant Rights and Responsibilities**

The following statement shall be read by, or read to, the applicant or the applicant's parent or caretaker at the time of certification:

**“Standards for participation in the Program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. You may appeal any decision made by the local agency regarding your denial or termination from the Program. If your application is approved, the local agency will make nutrition education available to you and you are encouraged to participate.”**

**NOTE:** When a significant proportion of the population that you serve is composed of non-English or limited English speaking persons who speak the same language, the statement shall be provided to such persons in a language they understand.

Within a contracted service area, a resident of the area has a right to:

- Request and, if available, receive a meal including USDA Foods; and
- Apply for USDA Foods, distributed for home consumption and, if eligible, receive an available distribution.

In addition, a program recipient may, without affect on his eligibility, refuse any USDA food he cannot use or does not want.