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USDA: Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule (ALL)

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service published a [final rule on program integrity](#) to ensure that child nutrition programs are properly operated and managed to protect federal funds and taxpayer dollars. The final rule impacts the Child and Adult Care Food Program and strengthens program integrity by modernizing how state agencies oversee child nutrition programs, including:

1. Finalizing provisions in the CACFP, that have already been in place. These provisions streamline processes, provide additional resources, and increase accountability.

2. Allowing more efficient use of state agency resources by ensuring that organizations at risk of serious management issues in CACFP receive more frequent oversight, and that financial transactions are appropriately reviewed.
3. Improving the ability of FNS and state agencies to address the rare instances of severe or repeated violations of program requirements in the child nutrition programs.

This rule is one of many steps that USDA is taking to ensure that federal child nutrition programs can serve the millions of children who depend on them to reach their full potential. The [Integrity Rule Provision Changes by Program](#) chart provides an overview of the provisions codified in the final rule.

Wisconsin Chili Lunch (ALL)

Celebrate Wisconsin-grown foods and farm to institution efforts by joining the 2024 Wisconsin Chili Lunch. Join K-12 schools, early care and education programs, hospitals, colleges, and more by cooking and serving a chili recipe made with local ingredients on National Chili Day—Thursday, February 22, 2024!

The goal of the Wisconsin Chili Lunch is to create strong connections between Wisconsin farmers and eaters and demonstrate how organizations can serve Wisconsin-grown foods - even in winter. This statewide chili lunch event inspires nutritious school and early care meals and supports farm to institution initiatives throughout the state while encouraging year-round purchases of local foods.

Participation is simple: Prepare and serve your Wisconsin Chili Lunch using as many locally grown ingredients as possible! Add local meats, cheese, or yogurt! Serve it in a bowl, on a baked potato, or with a cinnamon roll! Use a recipe listed on the Wisconsin Chili Lunch website or cook up your own favorite recipe. [Register](#) today to get the Chili Lunch Guide, supply chain help, more recipes and get connected to other farm to institution efforts in the state.

Year-Round Food Program: Transitioning from the At-Risk Afterschool Program to Summer Food Service Program (AR)

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides funding to serve free nutritious meals and snacks to children at sites in low-income areas (where half of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals) or that serve primarily low-income children when school is not in session. Sites can be summer programs, schools, parks, swimming pools, low-income housing complexes, and other places where children gather during the summer. Most sites can provide up to two meals a day to children aged 18 and younger.

At-risk sites are in a good position to transition to the SFSP at the end of the school year. Participation in both the SFSP and the At-Risk Afterschool component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are encouraged to benefit both the organization and communities by providing year-round services to children. Visit the DPI Summer Food Service Program [webpage](#) for more information and if interested in transitioning your At-risk site to SFSP, complete the SFSP New Agency Information form located on the [Join the SFSP](#) webpage. Contact Amy Kolano, SFSP Coordinator at (608) 266-7124 or Amy.Kolano@dpi.wi.gov with questions.

ICN's Mealtime Memo January 2024 Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods (ALL)

This Mealtime Memo on [Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods](#) explains how to use information on a food package to determine if a grain item is whole grain-rich and provides tips on how to avoid the pitfalls of confusing terms and phrases.

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REMINDER: Claim Submission Deadlines: Federal regulations impose a claim submission deadline of 60 calendar days after the last day of the month for which the claim applies. For DPI's CACFP Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

Contact your [assigned CACFP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other CACFP questions.

Do you have new staff working with the CACFP? Check out this resource [New Staff Responsibilities for CACFP](#).

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Program Abbreviation Key

- CC=Child Care
- AR=At Risk
- FDCH: Family Day Care Home
- HS: Head Start
- ES: Emergency Shelters
- SO: Sponsoring Organizations
- OS: Outside of School Hours Care
- ADC: Adult Day Care
- ALL: Applies to all types

The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.

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