

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction



*June 2023-13*

## **Announcements from the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)**

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### **Ending of Keep Kids Fed Act Flexibilities (ALL)**

On June 25th, 2022, President Biden signed the Keep Kids Fed Act, which extended USDA authority to waive certain requirements for Child Nutrition Programs to address COVID-19. This gave USDA extra resources to continue serving participants of the Child Nutrition Programs through the SY 2022-2023. These flexibilities (along with some waivers that were offered using USDA's 12(l) National School Lunch Act waiver authority) are set to expire on June 30th, 2023.

These flexibilities allowed for children and adult participants to continue to be fed in a safe manner during the pandemic. However, with the end of the presidentially declared public health emergency on May 11th, 2023, we must continue to work towards a new normal.

As a reminder, the following Child Nutrition Program flexibilities are ending June 30, 2023:

- Temporary higher per-meal reimbursement rates for CACFP
- Temporary higher tier I reimbursement rates for tier II family day care homes in CACFP
- SY 2022-23 meal service operational and administrative flexibilities offered through individual 12(l) waivers (see full list here: [SY 2022-23 Child Nutrition Programs Waiver Checklist](#))
- Offsite monitoring waivers

- Sponsoring Organizations should review the [Oversight and Monitoring of the Child and Adult Care Food Program - Guidance on On-site and Off-site Strategies and Options](#), issued on April 6, 2023, for guidance on how to operate onsite monitoring when the offsite flexibilities expire.

The Community Nutrition Team appreciates the exceptional efforts of local Program operators in their efforts to maintain Program integrity and access during the public health emergency. Please direct any questions concerning this guidance to your [assigned consultant](#).

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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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