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Adding New Meal Services and/or New Sites, Becoming a Sponsor (ALL but FDCH)

If your agency plans to make any of the changes below to be effective for September 2024, update and submit your CACFP Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 contract and email your [assigned consultant](#) by **August 30, 2024**:

- Adding new meal service(s)
- Adding new site(s) as a current Sponsor (more than one site on the CACFP)
- Adding site(s) to become a Sponsor (Independent center becoming a Sponsor with more than one site on the CACFP)

After the contract is updated, email your DPI consultant so they can review and approve the information entered in your FFY 2024 contract prior to the FFY 2025 contract rollover. The FFY 2025 contract will be available late September 2024.

FFY 2025 Implementation Financial Review Requirements (SO)

USDA policy memo [CACFP 09-2024](#) outlines the [Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule](#) and amended regulations at [7 CFR 226.7\(b\)](#) and [7 CFR 226.10\(c\)](#) to codify the requirement for an annual reconciliation of bank account activity and accounting of reported actual expenditures with Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) payments. The amended regulatory provisions have a compliance date of Aug. 23, 2024, and DPI will implement these new requirements beginning Oct. 1, 2024.

The amended regulations at [7 CFR 226.7\(b\)](#) require state agencies to expand the routine reviews of institutions' finances. State agencies must develop procedures to:

1. Annually conduct reviews of bank account activity for all CACFP sponsoring organizations [[7 CFR 226.7\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#)];
2. Annually review actual expenditures and meal reimbursement funds retained from centers for administrative costs for CACFP sponsoring organizations of unaffiliated centers [[7 CFR 226.7\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#)]; and
3. Monitor and review institutions' documentation of their nonprofit status [[7 CFR 226.7\(b\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#)].

These measures are intended to uncover payments made for unallowable costs and further prevent the misuse of CACFP funds.

Provisions described at [7 CFR 226.7\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) and [\(ii\)](#) do not apply to independent centers. Regular oversight conducted by state agencies of independent centers ensures financial viability for these institutions.

Provisions described at [7 CFR 226.7\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#), [\(ii\)](#), and [\(iii\)](#) do not apply to school food authorities (SFAs) operating the CACFP and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). State agencies routinely perform reviews of nonprofit food service accounts in accordance with NSLP regulations that satisfy the requirements.

Additional information on what documentation will be required to submit for review will be provided during FFY 2025 contract renewal in September.

FFY 2025 Integrity Rule: State Agency Review Requirements in CACFP (ALL)

[CACFP 05-2024](#) policy memo provides additional information regarding the provisions related to the frequency and number of reviews for state agencies monitoring the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), that were codified in the [Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule](#) published on Aug. 23, 2023. These provisions have a compliance date of Aug. 23, 2024, and are consistent with the statutory mandate under section 17(d)(2)(C) of the NSLA. FNS codified regulations at [7 CFR 226.6\(m\)](#) to increase the frequency of reviews for some institutions operating the CACFP.

Existing CACFP Monitoring Requirements*

- Independent centers must be reviewed at least once every 3 years.
- Sponsoring organizations with up to 100 facilities must also be reviewed at least once every 3 years.
- Sponsoring organizations with more than 100 facilities must be reviewed at least once every 2 years.
- New sponsoring organizations with five or more facilities must be reviewed within the first 90 days of operation.

*Existing CACFP monitoring requirements remain in effect and unchanged.

New Additional CACFP Monitoring Requirements

- Review on a 2-year cycle, institutions that conduct activities other than those expressly related to the administration and delivery of CACFP.
- Review on a 2-year cycle, institutions that had prior reviews that detected serious management problems.

- Review on a 2-year cycle, institutions that are at risk of serious management problems.

DPI must establish a monitoring schedule that ensures that the types of institutions listed above are monitored on a 2-year review cycle and document their policies and procedures for implementation of these provisions.

Prohibition of the Use of Chicken and Seafood from China (ALL)

Child Nutrition Program operators may not use Program funds to procure raw or processed poultry or seafood products from the People's Republic in China.

USDA policy memo [CACFP 06-2024](#) provides additional information on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs through September 30, 2024.

Geographic Preference Expansion Related to the Final Rule (ALL)

USDA policy memo [CACFP 08-2024](#) provides a detailed explanation of the expanded geographic preference option. CNP operators may use "local" as a procurement specification for unprocessed agricultural products for CNPs.

New Program Participation Dashboard Goes Live (ALL)

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the launch of a new interactive [dashboard](#) that features state, territory, and national level data for FNS nutrition programs. Site visitors will have greater insight into critical programs that touch the lives of millions of Americans daily.

The [FNS Program Participation Dashboard](#) is a tool that provides new, in-depth insight into publicly available data, specifically, program participation and meals served across ten FNS nutrition programs. This dashboard is available to the public and uses the most recent data available. It allows users to explore and display data in a number of ways and across different geographic locations. Most importantly, it makes key programmatic data available to download in an easy-to-use format.

This marks the eighth interactive dashboard that FNS has released and is the first to bring together participation data across FNS nutrition programs in one place. This dashboard reinforces FNS's commitment to open and accessible data. For more information, and to view all the data dashboards,

visit [Data Visualization](#). For more information on USDA's commitment to open data, visit the USDA 2024-2026 Data Strategy.

Institute of Child Nutrition: Mealtime Memo: Gardening with Children (ALL)

Introducing children to gardening can be an enriching experience that fosters a love for nature and promotes an acceptance of healthy foods. By including gardening activities in your child care program, you can create a hands-on learning environment for children to witness the magic of seed to harvest. This [Mealtime Memo](#) discusses how to engage children in gardening activities to increase their knowledge and acceptance of healthy, local foods.

Institute of Child Nutrition: CACFP Challenges Survey (CCI)

The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Applied Research Division (ARD) is conducting a study to identify child care centers' challenges in participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). We invite you to complete the online survey based on your knowledge and professional experiences in child care and the CACFP.

The survey should take approximately 7-10 minutes to complete. There are no risks associated with submitting the online survey. Participation in this survey is voluntary. Your personal and child care information is confidential and will not be reported.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please click on the [agreement to participate](#).

Training Opportunity: National CACFP Association (NCA) Virtual CACFP Training Summit (ALL)

The National CACFP Association (NCA) is hosting a four-day [Virtual CACFP Training Summit](#) for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators **August 14–15 and August 21–22, 2024 on Zoom**. Training sessions include:

- Power of the Food Program
- USDA Program Updates & Resources
- Menu Essentials: Planning for Success
- Finding the Leader In You
- Coffee & Conversation: Head Start CACFP
- Creating a Community: Family Style Meal Service in Child Care
- Coffee & Conversation: CACFP Meal Patterns
- Recruitment Outreach: Enrolling Providers, Engaging Families
- Motivating Children to Eat Healthy Foods
- CACFP Newsroom: Policy, Advocacy, Stories and the Hill
- Great Grains! Taking the Guess Work Out of What's Creditable

- Communicating with Impact
- Ask Us Anything
- CACFP Overview
- Creditable Tools & Resources
- CN Labels & Product Formulation Statements: Hands-On Practice

Join the training summit from your work or home office each day from 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. CT! Can't make it to a live session? Recordings will be available to view on-demand through August 29, 2024.

Pricing

Early registration is \$149 for NCA members and \$199 for non-members. These rates are available through July 31, 2024. Learn more about this four-day virtual training and access the [registration link](#).

The NCA is also offering 100 scholarships to attend this training. Apply for a [scholarship](#) to attend. Scholarship applications are due by July 24, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. CT.

Contact Information

For questions regarding this training, please contact the NCA by email at nca@cacfp.org.

USDA Publishes Two New Studies Focused on CACFP and Child Care Participation (ALL)

On June 26, 2024, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released the results of two studies of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

- [CACFP Family Day Care Home Participation Study](#) sheds insight on the perceived benefits and challenges to CACFP participation, as noted by current and former day care home operators.
- [CACFP Participation Among U.S. Child Care Providers](#) examined trends in CACFP participation among child care centers and day care homes nationwide before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic

The DPI would like to extend thanks to the program operators who participated in these data collection efforts, which were designed to help inform and shape CACFP policy.



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](#).



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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