

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction



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Announcements from the Special Milk Program (SMP)

Special Milk Program Reimbursement Rate per Half Pint of Milk for 2023-2024

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has adjusted the reimbursement rate for a half-pint of milk served to \$0.2625. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products. The new reimbursement rate of \$0.2625 per half pint is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Special Milk Program Requirement Reminders:

Fluid milk and non-dairy fluid milk substitutes must meet the requirements as outlined in [7 CFR Part 215.7a](#):

Types of fluid milk. All fluid milk served in the Program must be pasteurized fluid milk which meets State and local standards for such milk, have vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration, and must be consistent with State and local standards for such milk. Lactose-free and reduced-lactose milk that meet the fat content and flavor specifications for each age group may also be offered.

Fluid milk must also meet the following requirements:

Children 1 year old. Children one year of age must be served unflavored whole milk.

Children 2 through 5 years old. Children two through five years old must be served either unflavored low-fat (1 percent) or unflavored fat-free (skim) milk.

Children 6 years old and older. Children six years old and older must be served low-fat (1 percent or less) or fat-free (skim) milk. Milk may be unflavored or flavored.

Sponsoring agencies are required to maintain accurate records showing the amount of milk purchased and served to support the monthly claims for reimbursement. All Special Milk Program records must be retained on file for three years plus the current year.

Milk served to adults (age 19 years and older) is not reimbursable, if your agency does serve milk to adults as part of its operation, the actual amount served to adults must be documented. The amount served to adults cannot be determined based on percentage or estimate methods. Only milk served to attending children may be claimed for reimbursement.

For more information about the Special Milk Program visit our [website](#). If you have any questions, contact cnt@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 267-9129.



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 Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

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