

Electronic Mail

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TO: Non-School Special Milk Program Participants

FROM: Amanda Cullen, RDN, CD, Director
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SUBJECT: Update of the Special Milk Program Reimbursement Rate per Half Pint of Milk for 2020/2021

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has adjusted the reimbursement rate from \$0.2150 per half pint to \$0.2025 per half pint. 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 \$0.2025 per half pint was effective July 1, 2020, and will therefore be applied to your July 2020 reimbursement claim.**

Special Milk Program Requirements:

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. Fluid milk must also meet the following requirements:

- (1) *Children 1 year old.* Children one year of age must be served unflavored whole milk.
- (2) *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.
- (3) *Children 6 years old and older.* Children six years old and older must be served unflavored low-fat (1 percent) 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 actually served to attending children may be claimed for reimbursement.

For more information about the Special Milk Program, visit our website <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/ns-smp>. If you have any questions, please contact Shiela Coulton at (608) 267-9129 or Shiela.Coulton@dpi.wi.gov.