

**Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
Adult Care Component
Information Sheet**

What is the Adult Care Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program?

On November 29, 1987, Public Law 100-175 amended the National School Lunch Act by expanding the CACFP to provide cash reimbursement for meals and snacks served to eligible adults receiving care at certain adult day care centers.

What adult day care centers can participate under the Adult Care Component?

Public, private nonprofit, or for-profit centers that have been certified to provide nonresidential adult day care to adults who are functionally impaired adults and/or are 60 years of age or older may participate in the CACFP.

- Private nonprofit centers must have Federal tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 at the time they apply for the CACFP.
- For-profit centers may participate if not less than 25 percent of their enrolled eligible adults are Title XIX or Title XX beneficiaries.

The center's primary purpose must be to provide day care to adults for enabling them to remain in their home or in the home of their family members, guardians, or other care givers and to avoid premature institutionalization.

Centers must maintain an individual plan of care for every adult which provides a structured, comprehensive, community-based program of health, social and related support services.

Centers that cannot participate: sheltered workshops, vocational or substance abuse rehabilitation centers, social centers, residential programs, or other types of centers that do not have the primary purpose to provide day care to adults who are functionally impaired adults and/or 60 years of age or older.

Who benefits?

Functionally impaired adults over 18 years of age and adults 60 years and older who live in private residences (which may be their own or in a group living arrangement if they are primarily responsible for their own care) may participate.

- Functionally impaired adults are chronically impaired disabled persons who are physically or mentally impaired to the extent that their capacity for independence and their ability to carry out activities of daily living is markedly limited.

Adults who are not eligible: Institutionalized adults, or those who reside in nursing homes, Community Based Residential Facilities, and licensed or certified Adult Family Homes.

Meal Service

- All participating centers must serve meals which meet the CACFP meal pattern requirements, as specified in Program regulations.
[Guidance Memorandum 12A: CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements for the Adult Care Component](#)
- Reimbursable meals may include breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks. Centers may only receive reimbursement for up to two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks for each enrolled eligible adult each day.
- Centers must maintain a nonprofit food service.

Reimbursement

For the most current rates of reimbursement, please refer to [Guidance Memorandum 2: CACFP Reimbursement – USDA Rates of Reimbursement](#).

- Adult care centers cannot receive reimbursement from both the CACFP and Title III of the Older Americans Act for the same meal served.
- Meals and snacks must be served without charge unless the agency implements the Pricing Program Addendum as part of its CACFP contract.
- Sites cannot receive reimbursement for meals served to ineligible adult participants and adults.

Administering Agency

In Wisconsin, the CACFP Adult Care component is administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). For additional information call **(608) 267-9129** or visit: <http://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/adult-care>

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