

## Questions and Answers from October's "What's New" Webinar

### **Topic: Community Eligibility Provision**

**Q1:** How will direct cert affect schools involved with CEP?

**A1:** Schools who are participating in CEP only need to run direct certification once a year for a "Special Provision Match". See memo from Jessica Sharkus dated October 17, 2014 for more information on this. CEP schools are encouraged to run a DC match annually on or near April 1<sup>st</sup> to determine if ISP percentages can be increased.

**Q2:** Will there be a separate form to file for reimbursement due to CEP?

**A2:** We are currently working on updating the online claiming system to include CEP claim information. Until this time, paper claims specific for CEP schools will be required. These forms can be found on the SNT website at [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_cep](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_cep). Also refer to the memo sent by Karrie Isaacson on August 22, 2014 also located on the website listed above. The online updates are anticipated to be completed in the very near future.

**Q3:** How will we be notified if the claim was accepted?

**A3:** We are currently reviewing all paper CEP claims since this is a new process for all of us and will contact you if there are any issues.

**Q4:** Will CEP be covered at Great Beginnings?

**A4:** Community Eligibility Provision will not be covered at Great Beginnings Academy, but if you bring specific questions with you to DPI, we will have the appropriate staff person help you answer any questions you have about any topic that isn't covered during the workshop.

### **Topic: Increasing Breakfast Participation**

**Q:** What ways have you found to increase breakfast participation? DPI has heard of schools who had to switched from a 9am Nutrition Break to a more tradition breakfast before class begins and participation dropped from 200 to 40 students per day.

**Ideas:** I am LOOKING for ideas- busses coming later, class starting earlier- have gone to more grab n go that students are allowed to take with them. Apple filled BOSCO sticks are popular as

are J&J Oatmeal bars.

**Topic: Recent USDA Memo**

**Q5:** Did I understand USDA Memo SP 02-2015 to say that we cannot charge families online fees to pay for lunches online?

**A5:** SFAs can charge for online services only if an alternative method that does not charge additional fees is available to parents, such as adding money at the school food service office or accepting cash at the point of service.