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**FISCAL YEAR 2020
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM #8**

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

FROM: Diane L. Golzynski, Director
Office of Health and Nutrition Services

DATE: August 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Child and Adult Care Food Program Application Certification

ACTION: Complete the Fiscal Year 2021 Application Certification -
Due September 30, 2020

All institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are required to complete a certification for FY 2021 to continue participation in the program. The certification must be completed through Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+).

The MEGS+ certification for CACFP is now open. MEGS+ may be accessed through the [Michigan Education Information System \(MEIS\)](http://www.michigan.gov/meis) (www.michigan.gov/meis). The due date for the FY 2021 certification is September 30, 2020. Per CACFP regulations, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has thirty (30) days to review and respond to applications. If the application certification is not complete, correct, and approved by MDE on or before Monday, November 30, 2020, it will result in the loss of claims beginning with the October 2020 claim.

Any pages of the application that have changed since the last submittal must be completed during the certification process. Each page must have the box checked which states "I certify that the above data are complete and correct."

Independent centers and sponsors of centers must submit budget worksheets to support their FY 2021 certification. The worksheets are available on the [CACFP website](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp) (www.michigan.gov/cacfp) along with a list of regional trainings.

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Schools participating in CACFP that were operating a successful National School Lunch Program in FY 2020 will not be required to complete budget worksheets and the full management plan for FY 2021. Such schools must only initiate their application, make any changes, and certify their application.

In addition, the following information must be submitted by all institutions:

- A single certification that any information previously submitted to MDE to support all the eligibility requirements set forth in 7 CFR 226.6(b)(2) for the institution, its facilities, and all its current principals is current, or that the institution has submitted any changes or updates to MDE.
- Updated licensing information for each independent center and facility participating in CACFP or certification that licensing information in the application is complete and correct. Unlicensed facilities must certify that facilities meet all health and safety requirements per 7 CFR 226.6(f)(1)(vi).
- Information as required for fields in the application that have changed since the last certification.
- Non-Profit Organizations and For-Profit Organizations:
 - Information on the independent governing board of directors. The governing board must meet regularly and have the authority to hire and fire the institution's executive director.

Special Notes

Once an institution initiates the FY 2021 application certification, any sites added to the FY 2020 application must also be added to the FY 2021 application if they participate in both years.

Failure to submit the annual certification by November 30, 2020, for FY 2021 will result in the loss of claims beginning with the October 2020 claim. Claims for FY 2020 cannot be paid until the annual certification is completed and approved by MDE.

Continue to update your application throughout FY 2021. Per the certification and permanent agreement with MDE, institutions must submit an amended application as changes occur. Attached is a list of CACFP staff members available for assistance.

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Staff members are available to answer questions and to provide training and technical assistance. Questions related to claims for reimbursement, payments, and audits should be directed to Mr. Richard Aguirre.

When contacting the CACFP office by phone, fax, e-mail, or in writing, always include the organization name, phone number with area code, and CACFP agreement number.