

Child Care and COVID-19

Billing for Child Absence Hours

Q: How should childcare providers bill for child absence hours?

A: During the time period of March 16, 2020 – April 5, 2020 (Pay Periods 007 and 008), providers are instructed to bill **regular childcare hours** instead of absence hours when the child is in attendance, absent, or the facility is closed. Providers will not be required to utilize annual absence hours during this time.

Providers will need to document on their time and attendance records the following statement: **Billing regular childcare hours due to state of emergency declared by Governor Whitmer (COVID-19) from March 16, 2020 – April 5, 2020.**

Provisional License Information



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On March 18, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-16 expanding childcare access during the COVID-19 emergency. The order provides that strict compliance with section 7a and subsection (2) of section 5m of the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, as amended, is suspended.

The order provides that a provisional license may be issued in a manner consistent with the order and that a child care license is not required for an employer, or for a school district, or nonpublic school to establish and maintain a disaster relief child care center in a school building.

The order further requires LARA to issue rules and/or orders governing disaster relief childcare centers.

The orders and the applications are now available on our [website](#).

Feeding the Elderly

To find nutrition resources for persons age 60 or older please contact the regional Area Agency on Aging (AAA or Triple A) that covers the area the person resides in. The AAAs contract with various providers for home delivered meals and congregate meals and know which programs have resources to meet the need based on eligibility.

[Here is a link](#) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) Website to identify which AAA to contact local nutrition resources for our seniors.

<https://www.michigan.gov/osa/1,4635,7-234-64081-295815--,00.html>

Link to National Waivers for CNP

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

New CACFP Resources from Team Nutrition

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative recently released seven new resources for the CACFP. All resources are now available for download and viewing at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-training-tools>.

New resources include:

- Updated Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- New CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets:
- Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP
- Serving Vegetables in the CACFP
- Serving Snacks in the CACFP
- How to Spot Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP
- Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP
- Is My Recipe Whole Grain-Rich in the CACFP?