

Michigan Department of Education
Child and Adult Care Food Program

Unlicensed Child Care Providers

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides a cash reimbursement to eligible unlicensed providers for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children while in childcare in the provider’s home. Childcare homes participate under the sponsorship of a family childcare home sponsor.

Provider Eligibility

An unlicensed childcare provider must be:

- Enrolled by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) as a provider caring for children in the provider’s home
- Authorized by LARA to care for subsidy-eligible children related to the provider

Meals served in the provider’s home are eligible for CACFP reimbursement. Meals served in the child’s home are not eligible for reimbursement.

Eligible Children

Children must be:

- Related to the provider
- Not living in the provider’s home
- Enrolled for CDC assistance
- Under age 12 (15 if migrant) or any age with a disability requiring childcare, as long as the majority of children in care are under age 18

In some cases, a provider’s own children are eligible if the provider’s household is income-eligible

Reimbursement

Reimbursement rates are based on the provider’s classification as either a Tier I or Tier II home. A Tier I home is a childcare home located in a low-income area or whose household is low income. A Tier II home is a childcare home not eligible as a Tier I home. Tier II providers may be eligible for Tier I rates for meals and snacks served to children from low-income families.

The CACFP family childcare home sponsor determines the classification of the provider’s home. The reimbursement rates for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, are:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch/Supper</u>	<u>Snack</u>
I	\$1.40	\$2.63	\$0.78
II	\$0.51	\$1.59	\$0.21

A childcare home may claim reimbursement for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal, per child per day.

Meal Service

Meals and snacks must meet CACFP meal pattern requirements.

Record Keeping

Participating homes are required to keep records such as:

- Menus
- Meal counts
- Daily attendance
- Child enrollment forms
- CACFP application and provider/sponsor agreement

How to Apply

Contact a sponsoring organization that services your county:

Association for Child Development

517-332-7200

800-234-3287

[Association for Child Development website](http://www.acdkids.org) (<http://www.acdkids.org>)

Counties: All

Vibrant Futures

616-451-8281

800-448-6995

[Vibrant Futures website](https://vibrantfuturesmi.org) (<https://vibrantfuturesmi.org>)

Counties: Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Shiawassee, VanBuren and Wexford

Mid-Michigan Child Care Centers Inc.

989-695-2683

800-742-3663

[Mid-Michigan Child Care Centers, Inc. website](http://www.midmichigancc.com)

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Counties: All

For more information:

- Visit the [CACFP website](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp) (www.michigan.gov/cacfp)
- Email: MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov
- Contact the Michigan Department of Education at 517-241-5353

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