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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2022

TO: Family Day Care Home Sponsors

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

SUBJECT: 60-Day Deadline and Late Claim Exceptions – Fiscal Year 2023

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations require that Claims for Reimbursement for National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Afterschool Snacks in Afterschool Care Programs be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) within 60 days of the last day of the month claimed by logging in to [MILogin for Third Party1](#) and selecting the Michigan Nutrition Data System (MiND) 2.0 from the menu. The following deadlines must be met in order to receive reimbursement:

Claim/Amendment Month	Due Date	Final Claim/Amendment Submission Date
October 2022	November 10, 2022	December 30, 2022
November 2022	December 10, 2022	January 29, 2023
December 2022	January 10, 2023	March 1, 2023
January 2023	February 10, 2023	April 1, 2023
February 2023	March 10, 2023	April 29, 2023
March 2023	April 10, 2023	May 30, 2023
April 2023	May 10, 2023	June 29, 2023
May 2023	June 10, 2023	July 30, 2023
June 2023	July 10, 2023	August 29, 2023
July 2023	August 10, 2023	September 29, 2023
August 2023	September 10, 2023	October 30, 2023
September 2023	October 10, 2023	November 29, 2023

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If you cannot meet the final claim deadline, you should continue to file your claim and it will be put on hold. MDE will send a letter via the Michigan Electronic Grants System (GEMS/MARS) outlining two options, as detailed below, with instructions on how to submit an exception request.

WITHIN YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION

MDE has the authority to approve the payment of *one* late claim or amendment within a 36-month period. This approval is an exception granted for the submission of a late claim or amendment when the circumstances were WITHIN YOUR CONTROL.

If you wish to request a within your control exception, you must submit a corrective action form in GEMS/MARS. The Late Claim Exception request form must include:

- Actions taken to avoid repetition of the situation linked to the late claim or amendment submission.
- Actions taken to avoid any future late claim or amendment submission.
- A statement that your organization understands that a WITHIN YOUR CONTROL exception can only be granted once every 36 months. Future late claims or amendments will not be paid unless your organization has not been granted an exception during the previous 36-month period or the lateness can be attributed to conditions outside your control.
- The signature of the person who entered into the CACFP agreement with MDE.

OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION

If the lateness of the claim or amendment was OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL and you wish to request an outside your control exception, you must submit a corrective action form in GEMS/MARS. The Late Claim Exception request form must include:

- Your request for an OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL exception.
- A detailed description of the events and circumstances that prevented the claim or amendment from being submitted on time.
- The signature of the person who entered into the CACFP agreement with MDE.

MDE will review the information you provide. If it is clear the late claim or amendment submission was due to circumstances outside your control, your request will be forwarded to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for approval. Payment authority rests with USDA's regional office.

USDA regulations allow for claims to be amended at any time when the number of meals or snacks and/or costs reported on the amendment result(s) in a downward adjustment in the reimbursement value of the claim.

DO NOT COMBINE CLAIMS

- Submit meal counts for each month on a separate claim, regardless of how many days meals were served.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For more detailed information on the 60/90 day guidance, see Child Nutrition Programs School Year 2018-2019 [Administrative Memo No. 1¹](#)

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact:

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Please keep this memo on file or in a notebook for quick and easy reference.

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin_Memo_No._1_643574_7.pdf