

# Office of Health and Nutrition Services

## Town Hall

April 28, 2021

We will begin at 2:00 pm

# Happy to have you with us!

- Town Hall PowerPoints are posted at [www.Michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.Michigan.gov/sfsp). There's a link located at the bottom of the page.
- Q & A will be updated weekly and posted at: [MDE COVID-19 Health and Nutrition Services Resources](#) webpage
- Professional Development Certificate for today's meeting: [Town Hall Training Certificate \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- Next: May 12, June 9, and July 14

# New National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program Updates

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# Comparison of meal service options (cont.)

## NSLP/SBP

- Reimbursement
  - Claim students as free, reduced, paid and reimbursed based on student eligibility benefit
- Meal Pattern
  - NSLP/SBP meal pattern
- Collecting Free/Reduced Applications – required

## NSLP SSO

- Reimbursement
  - Every student is reimbursed at the SFSP free rate
- Meal Pattern
  - NSLP/SBP meal pattern
- Collecting Free/Reduced Applications – not required (more information to come)

# Business as Usual – School Nutrition Program

- Professional Standards – Continue to meet hiring standards for new FSD and annual training for staff
- Food Safety Inspections – Continue to ask for 2 food safety inspections and document efforts
- NSLP Meal Pattern (although waiver is available) – Continue to meet the NSLP/SBP meal pattern, including all vegetable subgroups
- USDA Foods and entitlement – continue as usual
- Smart Snacks in Schools – Continue to meet Smart Snack standards for all foods/beverages sold on a school campus, during the school day
- Local Wellness Policy – Continue working towards LWP goals; complete the Triennial Assessment

# Business as Usual – CACFP

- CACFP meal pattern requirements are still in effect
- Grain based desserts do not credit towards Grain component
- Milk
  - Whole unflavored for children age 1-2
  - Unflavored low fat or skim ages 2 thru 5
  - Unflavored low fat or skim or skim flavored\* milk for children age 6 and above
- Enrichment activity is required for at risk after school programs
  - Enrichment waiver was not extended



# Business as Usual – Point of Service (POS)

- All meals provided to students/children must be counted at POS
- Many options allowed:
  - Electronic POS system
  - Paper roster
  - Paper count sheet
  - Multiple Meal Distribution count sheet
  - Breakfast/lunch in the classroom count sheet or roster
- Count sheets specific for NSLP SSO are available and can be found on the NSLP website: [NSLP Forms and Instructions](#)

# Business **NOT** as Usual – Farmers to Families Food Box Program

USDA is still supporting farmers, but is working to eliminate problems from last year, such as:

- **Uneven Distribution of Food:** The balance between urban and rural areas was skewed, leaving many communities without access to the program.
- **High Prices:** A review of independent pricing ranged greatly and above food costs of other programs.
- **Food Waste:** Undistributed food was wasted as sites lacked proper storage and/or ability to distribute food boxes.

USDA is redirecting efforts toward existing food distribution programs. We are waiting for an announcement with final details.

# USDA Nationwide Waivers (#85 - #96)

## Waiver #85

### Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021- 2022

- Allows the NSLP SSO to operate when school is open during the regular school year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
  - May be used at any school, regardless of its location or the type of NSLP SSO site it is operating
  - SFAs must elect to participate in NSLP SSO in the FY 2022 MEGS+ Application (should be open by June/July 2021)
  - RCCIs can participate in NSLP SSO and a separate training will be held to detail specifics
  - Meal types – allowed to claim two meal types under NSLP SSO
    - Breakfast and Lunch
    - Lunch and Snack
- \*Refer to comparison slide for meal type combinations

## **Waiver #86**

### **Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates in School Year 2021-2022**

- For those SFAs opting to participate in the NSLP Seamless Summer Option for School Year 21-22, the reimbursement will be paid at the Summer Food Service Program rate.
  - All students will be claimed as free under NSLP SSO
  - We are waiting for guidance from USDA to determine if there will be one rate for all SFAs or two rates based on Urban/Vended and Rural/Self-Op (usually how rates are reimbursed for SFSP)

## Waiver #87

### Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non- Congregate Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022

- Waiver applies to NSLP, SBP, and CACFP
- Allows for meals to be served in non-congregate settings
- Allows for meals to be consumed in non-congregate settings
- Allows for grab-and-go meals for students in school
  - Allows for social distancing during mealtimes when there is in-person learning
- Provides meal pick-up options for virtual/remote students
- Flexibilities allowed until it is deemed safe to have greater levels of congregation with in-school, in-person learning

## Waiver #88

### Nationwide waiver of Mealtimes Requirement for School Year 2021- 2022

- Traditional NSLP/SBP have mealtime requirements
  - Breakfast meals must be served in the morning hours
  - Lunch must be served between 10am and 2pm
- This waiver allows for meals to be served anytime during the day, including multiple meal distribution for non-congregate/parent pick-up meals (breakfast and lunch may be distributed at the same time)

## Waiver #89

# Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for School Year 2021-2022

- This waiver applies to National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option
- Waiver is effective July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022
- Local operators must maintain accountability and program integrity.
  - This includes putting in place processes to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children, and that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child.
  - Eligible students/children are enrolled district students for NSLP/SBP or children enrolled in CACFP programs
  - All children are eligible for free meals under NSLP SSO (district students and those in the community)



# Waiver #90

## Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022

- This waiver is different than previous Meal Pattern Flexibility Waivers
- MDE approval determined on a case-by-case basis
- Waivers are available for the following:
  - Target 2 Sodium (Target 1 should still be met)
  - All whole grain-rich (Half of the grain options still need to be whole grain-rich)
  - 1% milk (Flavored 1% milk may be served)
  - Vegetable subgroups (a fruit and a vegetable is still required for each lunch)
  - Variety of milk (not required to offer more than 1 kind of milk)
  - Age/grade groups (can use different age/grade group combinations or just one)
  - Preschool whole grain-rich (not required to serve 1 whole grain serving per day)

## **Waiver #90 (cont.)**

### **Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022 (cont.)**

- Additional information on the process to apply will come in the next Town Hall
- **All other NSLP and SBP meal pattern rules apply, unless you are approved for this waiver, especially if students will be served by going through the cafeteria line.**
- **Effective October 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022**
- Supply chain disruption is not included.

## Waiver #91

### Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program for School Year 2021-2022

- **MDE approval required - not a blanket waiver**
- Sponsors must provide justification for waiver request(s)
- MDE approval determined on a **case-by-case basis**
- *Approval request process coming soon*
- **Sponsor may request approval to:**
  - Delay ounce equivalent implementation for grain component be fully implemented by October 1, 2021
  - Waive requirement to serve only 1% unflavored milk
  - Waive requirement that at least one serving per day across all meal service is whole grain rich
- **Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**All Other CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements Remain in Effect**

## Waiver #92

### Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in SY 2021-2022

- Michigan is participating
- Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- NSLP and NSLP SSO
- To support safe access to nutritious meals, which may require pre-packaged or individually plated meals, the OVS requirement is waived for the 9-12 age/grade group.
- Reminder: OVS is optional for SBP for all age/grade groups

# Waiver #93

## Nationwide Waiver of Eligibility in The Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in SY 2021-2022

- Waives area eligibility requirements
- Allows all schools and other afterschool sites, regardless of location, to claim afterschool snacks and meals at the free rate
- Maximum meal reimbursement for NSLP Afterschool Snack:
  - one snack
- Maximum meal reimbursement for CACFP At Risk Programs:
  - one snack and/or
  - one meal
- Enrichment component (virtual or in-person) required for CACFP and NSLP
- **Effective: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

## Waiver #93 cont.

### Nationwide Waiver of Eligibility in The Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in SY 2021-2022 (cont.)

- Allows all family day care homes, regardless of their location, to claim all meals and snacks at the Tier 1 rate
- **Effective: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.**



## Waiver #94

### Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Program – Revision - EXTENSION

- State Agency Onsite Monitoring waived for SY 21-22
  - Administrative Reviews will most likely still be conducted (more information coming, including Q&As from USDA)
  - All reviews would most likely be completed as off-site desk audits
- SFA Onsite Monitoring waived for SY 21-22
  - Onsite Monitoring is waived for both NSLP/SBP and NSLP SSO (this includes breakfast and lunch)
  - If operating NSLP Afterschool Snack, monitoring two times throughout the duration of the program is also waived.
  - **Best Practice:** Monitor/visit all sites providing meals and snacks throughout the year to ensure program quality, integrity, and successful operation.

## Waiver #95

### Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in CACFP-EXTENSION

- Applies to State Agency (MDE)
- Allows off site monitoring (desk audits) in CACFP for MDE.
- Waives MDE requirement conducting one sponsor review every 3 years.
- Waives MDE pre-approval visit for all new sponsors.
- **Effective until 30 days after the end of the public health emergency.**



## Waiver #96

### Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in CACFP- EXTENSION

- Applies to CACFP Sponsors.
- Waives on-site monitoring requirement.
- Sponsors encouraged to conduct remote facility reviews.
- Extends August 4, 2020 *Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in Child and Adult Care Food Program* which expires September 30, 2021 until 30 days after the end of the public health emergency.

# Best Practice: Maintain Program Integrity and Achieve Nutrition Program Priorities

**CNP Sponsors are expected to:**

- Meet the child nutrition program standards to the greatest extent possible
- Support access to healthy meals
- Focus on nutrition and meal quality so children can learn and grow
- Continue to update your Program Integrity Plan as changes occur and new waivers are in effect

# Traditional SFSP to NSLP/SBP or NSLP SSO

- Traditional SFSP ends before the 1st day of school (in-person, remote, or hybrid)
  - The SFSP 2021 MEGS+ application must be completed and approved prior to claiming any SFSP meals
  - The SFSP application calendar should be filled out through the end of the summer program
- NSLP/SBP or NSLP SSO begins on the first day of the new school year
  - The SNP 2022 MEGS+ application will be available in June/July 2021
  - Applications must be approved prior to claims being made available
- Program example:
  - Sponsor participates in SFSP through August 22. School starts on August 23 so NSLP SSO begins
  - Cannot run SFSP and NSLP SSO at the same time

# Free and Reduced-Price Applications for SY 21-22

Are families required to submit F/R applications this school year?

- Participating in NSLP:
  - Eligibility determination based on direct certification (DC) and F/R application
  - Verification required as normal
- Participating in SSO :
  - All students receive meals at no cost, so **F/R applications should not be collected!**
  - Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) is based on DC and Household Information Reports

The F/R application packet materials as well as the updated Household Information Report should be posted to the website in June

- Reminder: the F/R application and household information reports should be completed based on “current” income, which means income after July 1 for the 2021-2022 school year

# Waiver #82 - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

CEP Requirement	Annual Deadline	Waiver Deadline
Data Used to Calculate ISP	April 1	Anytime between April 1, and June 30, 2021
Spring Data Posting	April 15	June 30, 2021 - Hoping to post in May
Elect CEP for SY 21-22	June 30	First day of school

- MEGS+ SNP 2022 application will be available in June/July 2021
- More guidance to come on the specifics on how to apply for CEP with end of year data

# Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

- School Year 2021-2022
- The American Rescue Plan- extended P-EBT through the duration of the pandemic
  - Includes Summer 2021; and
  - School Year 2021- 2022
- Look for information on the extension of P-EBT in the coming months
- Questions on P-EBT may be directed to [MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov)

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- All the above slides detail specific waiver requirements, additional considerations, and possible meal service options – more details will be coming through additional Town Halls, Child Nutrition (CN) News and Bulletins, as needed.
- Contact your CACFP/SNP analyst or any OHNS unit with additional questions.

What Questions  
do you have for  
us?

Please enter your questions in the chat box