

## What are frequently asked questions related to relative care homes?

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

### Provider Eligibility

A relative care provider must be:

- Enrolled as a relative care provider by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Agency Child Care Licensing Division
- Authorized by Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Agency Child Care Licensing Division to care for subsidy-eligible children related to the provider

### Relative Care Provider and Day Care Aide Dual Enrollment

Meals served in the provider's home as a relative care provider are eligible for CACFP reimbursement. Meals served in the child's home as a day care aide are not eligible for reimbursement.

### Eligible Children

Children must be:

- Related to the provider
- Not living in the provider's home
- Enrolled for childcare
- 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, 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 day care home located in a low-income area or whose household is low income. A Tier II home is a day care 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 day care home sponsor determines the classification of the provider's home. The reimbursement rates for July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, are:

#### Family Day Care Homes

CATEGORY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH/SUPPER	SNACK
Tier I	\$1.40	\$2.63	\$ .78
Tier II	\$ .51	\$1.59	\$ .21

A day care 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 of:

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

**How to apply**

Contact a sponsoring organization below that services your county:

<p><a href="http://www.acdkids.org">Association for Child Development</a> (www.acdkids.org) P.O. Box 1491 East Lansing, MI 48826 517-332-7200 800-234-3287</p>	<p>All Counties</p>
<p><a href="https://vibrantfuturesmi.org">Vibrant Futures</a> (https://vibrantfuturesmi.org) 233 E. Fulton, Suite 107 Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3262 616-451-8281 800-448-6995</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><a href="http://www.midmichigancc.com">Mid-Michigan Child Care Centers</a> (www.midmichigancc.com) 280 S. Main, P.O. Box 610 Freeland, MI 48623 989-695-2683 800-742-3663</p>	<p>All Counties</p>

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