

Check in with CANS

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- USDA Simplified Waiver Process Needs Assessment Survey
 - The USDA is offering a streamlined waiver process for SY22-23 on specific program requirements.
 - CANS will be sending a survey to assess the need for some additional waivers that CANS is considering applying for.
 - Please note, these are not flexibilities that are approved for use in SD at this time. CANS will communicate to SFAs and Sponsor Agencies when specific waiver flexibility is allowed in SD and how SFAs and Sponsor Agencies will apply to use the flexibilities.
 - Waivers in the survey will include:
 - Non-congregate meals for all Child Nutrition programs
 - Parent/Guardian Pickup for all programs
 - Meal Service Times for CACFP and SNP
 - OVS for SNP
 - FSMC Contract Duration for SNP
 - Alternate sites for FFVP
- Staffing Updates
 - Teresa Motlas' last day with CANS will be tomorrow, June 3, 2022
 - We are happy to announce that Diana Webb, our current secretary, has been promoted and will be moving in to one of our open SNP positions.
 - We also have an intern, Anna Haberman, working with CANS this summer.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates:

- Reminder that the onsite monitoring requirements waiver is in effect until 30 days after the end of the public health emergency
- Regular tiering determinations will go back into effect July 1, 2022.
 - USDA has provided guidance on allowable sources of data that can be used. If you have questions on what to use or the allowable sources, please reach out to CANS.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- Severe Need Breakfast and Specially Needy Lunch Reimbursement Rates
 - At this time, we are still waiting on guidance from USDA for these rates as they utilize prior years' SNP claim data
 - iCAN applications will not be able to be approved until this guidance is received
- Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) SY22-23

- Link to PLE Tool excel spreadsheet: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/22-PLESP.xlsx>
- Link to PLE USDA memo SP08-2022: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/22-PLEmemo.pdf>
- Guidance for SY22-23:
 - Any SFA with a positive or zero balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of December 31, 2021, is exempt from increasing student paid lunch prices for the PLE pricing requirements for school year (SY) 2022-23, per USDA memo SP 08-2022, CACFP 07-2022, SFSP03-2022 - (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/consolidated-appropriationsact-2022>)
 - SY22-23 PLE Tool: SFAs should use the price they last charged students (for many SFAs this will be SY 2019-20 prices) in their SY 2022-23 PLE calculation.
- SD is applying for USDA waiver #25:
 - **NOTE:** This waiver is NOT currently approved for use in SD by USDA at this time. If approved by USDA, all SFAs must apply to use this waiver.
 - Allows flexibility to not raise student paid lunch prices in SY 2022-23 from the prior price.
 - Additionally, this provides schools the flexibility to price their paid lunches at level they feel is best based on their local needs. This includes decreasing paid lunch price from their previous levels. Schools should carefully review their budgets before adjusting their paid lunch prices in SY 2022-23. Some considerations include:
 - Reimbursement will return to NSLP rates
 - Reimbursement still be based on eligibility of child
 - Increased food costs, fuel costs, and potential continued supply chain issues
 - Fluctuation in participation
 - Meal quality should not decrease if a school decided to lower their paid lunch prices.
 - Reminder, the PLE requirement only applies to school lunch paid prices.
 - Reach out to CANS if you would like to explore decreasing lunch prices.
- 30-day student eligibility carry over from SY21-22:
 - SY22-23 school meals will be charged based on student eligibility and claimed at the normal school lunch and breakfast free, reduced, and paid rates. Except when your school operates under Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), then you claim based on your normal free and paid claiming percentages.
 - Unless your school collected and approved free and reduced applications in SY21-22, students will not have any free or reduced price carry over benefits like in normal years.
 - SD is applying for USDA waiver #26:
 - **NOTE:** This waiver is NOT approved for use in SD by USDA at this time. If approved by USDA, all SFAs must apply to use this waiver.
 - This waiver allows the most recent student eligibility carryover to be used for SY22-23 benefits from SY21-22, SY20-21, SY19-20 – whichever is the most current eligibility determination. This includes applications that were denied.
 - *Example 1:* John Doe was approved for free meals in SY19-20. Did not submit an application in SY20-21 or SY21-22. John Doe can use the SY19-20 free benefits for the first 30 days of school.
 - *Example 2:* Jane Doe was approved for free meals in SY20-21 and submitted an application that was denied in SY21-22. Jane Doe must start in the paid category for the 30 days of school or until a new application is approved, because of the denied application in SY21-22.
 - CANS will provide additional guidance if our waiver request is approved

- SNP meal reimbursement rates will return to normal SNP rates on July 1, 2022. USDA will likely release these rates sometime in July or early August.
 - You can view the current SNP rates in the iCAN system under SNP Claims > Claim Rates or on the CANS SNP website under Application and Claim Information.
 - Link to current SY21-22 SNP claim rates: [SNP Reimbursement Rates for SY21-22](#)
- SNP and FFVP iCAN applications are open for SY2022-23.
 - Applications are due August 19, 2022.
 - If planning to apply for FFVP and not yet completed, please complete as soon as possible

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates:

- DoD Fresh/FFAVORS funds need to be spent by June 30, 2022. The last week to place a DoD Fresh/FFAVORS order is June 20. Please be mindful of your delivery day. For example, if your delivery day is Wednesday, the last day to place an order for the 21-22 school year is June 22.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates:

- SFSP iCAN applications must be approved before site open for summer feeding. Applications are due June 1 and must be approved no later than June 15 to serve this summer.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- Pathways to School Nutrition: June 7 and 8 in Pierre. Link to [register](#). Some spots are still available!
- School Nutrition Association (SNA) of SD State Conference is July 19-21 at the Best Western Ramkota in Aberdeen. Link to [register](#).
- Check in with CANS and Crash Course with CANS: Schedule for next school year will be released soon!

School Nutrition Program Professional Standards Annual Training Requirement Reminder:

Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS SNP website.

This Conference can credit for 15 minutes of NSLP training. Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 15 minutes