



Questions and Answers for Child Nutrition Program Operations in SY21-22

SP 15-2021, CACFP 13-2021, SFSP 08-2021



Q&A #3, 5-7 SSO AND SFSP PARTICIPATION

- Opting into SSO – entire school year
- No SFSP for SY2021-22
- Residential summer camps cannot participate in SSO
- **All** SFAs are strongly encouraged to participate in SSO for SY2021-22

Q&A #4 SSO FOR SCHOOLS

- SSO Sites are "UC" sites in SNP iCAN SSO Site Application
- Delivery or Bus Routes will also be labeled as "UC" site
- Schools can choose:
 - Close enrolled site – feed your enrolled students. Most schools choose this option
 - Open site – feed children, ages 0-18 in community. Please consider your local child care and community programs to make sure you are not duplicating meals to those children or negatively impacting their feeding program.

Q&A #9 OTHER WAIVERS FOR SCHOOLS IN SY21-22

- **Non-Congregate Meal Service** for delivered or picked up meals
- **Meal Service Time Requirements** for serving multiple meals during a delivery or pick up
- **Parent and Guardian Pick Up** to allow parents or guardians without their children present to pick up meals
 - This does **not** include day care providers picking up meals for kids in their care
- **Must be in use for approval, not a future plan**
- **These apply to normal NSLP/SBP and SSO operation**

Q&A #29, 3 | FREE & REDUCED PRICE APPLICATIONS (FR APP)

- New USDA guidance **requires** SSO schools to make FR App **available** to any family that wants to fill one out and process for approval/denial
 - CEP/Provision/RCCI's with no day students are exempt, like normal
- P-EBT benefits for free and reduced approved students will continue into Summer 2021 and potentially into SY21-22

Q&A #30 DIRECT CERTIFICATION

- Direct Certification of students is still required for schools operating SSO
- Provision and CEP schools are required once a year
 - October for verification reporting

Q&A #8 SSO OPERATION ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

- SSO meals are limited to normal education days
- Schools that regularly operate Monday thru Friday may only provide/claim meals during typical school operation
 - Schools or RCCL's that operate a standard 7 day/week schedule may serve and claim meals during their regularly scheduled 7-day operation
- If the school is closed on a holiday, meal service is not allowed

Q&A #15 AFTERSCHOOL SNACK CLAIMING AND SSO

- Meals/snacks claimed per day limited to two
- If the site provides breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack, only two of the meal or snack offerings may be claimed
- Any unclaimed meal offerings would be considered as a nonprogram food, and would need to be paid for by a source outside of the food service account

Q&A #10 ANNUAL MEDIA RELEASE

- CANS will do media release as usual – will be adjusted for SSO participation
- Schools should also announce free meals for all students at the local level
- CANS notice will be released in August

Q&A #11-14, 16 REIMBURSEMENT RATES

- Schools opting in to SSO for SY21-22 will receive the SFSP rural/self-prep reimbursement rates for SY21-22 beginning July 1, 2021 and in effect until June 30, 2022
 - \$2.4625 – Breakfast
 - \$4.3175 – Lunch
 - \$1.02 – Snacks

Q&A #11-14, 16 REIMBURSEMENT RATES CONTINUED

- Rates will be adjusted for inflation in January 2022 – meaning the rates will change
- No \$0.07 at lunch (performance based reimbursement)
- No \$0.02 at lunch for high free/reduced (specially needy lunch reimbursement)
- No severe need breakfast for high/free reduced reimbursement rate
- Any type of site operating SSO at any time, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 will receive the rates

Q&A #18-21 CACFP

- CACFP at-risk agencies may not continue to operate in summer 2021 while schools are closed for summer vacation.
- Day care homes will receive tier I reimbursement rates from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- New DCH's (Day Care Home's) will be eligible to use waiver #93 that allows all DCH's to utilize the tier I reimbursement rate.
- Meals served to providers own children may be reimbursed at the tier I reimbursement rate.

Q&A #22-25 MEAL PATTERN

- NSLP/SBP and SSO meal pattern flexibilities run until September 30 (Waiver #74)
- Targeted school meal pattern flexibilities start October 1 (Waiver #90)
 - Sodium, whole grain, vegetable subgroups, milk variety, low-fat flavored milk, age & grade groupings
 - CANS will post a form for schools to make waiver requests
 - Only apply for waivers that fit your back to school plan

Q&A #27-28 FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)

- Elementary schools are eligible to apply for the FFVP while participating in SSO during SY21-22
- Currently no waivers related to FFVP
- FFVP participation is limited to elementary school students
- FFVP offering is to be provided during the school day
- Non-congregate/grab 'n go/home delivery/etc., not allowed for FFVP in SY21-22

Q&A #32 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

- CANS will be conducting Administrative Reviews in SY2021-22
- Reviews will be on-site as possible
- Reviews may be modified based on SSO participation
- Self assessments were sent to schools receiving reviews
- Planning to use iCAN Compliance Module for reviews

Q&A #33 ONSITE MONITORING

- Waiver #94 allows for off-site monitoring to occur. SFAs that choose to opt in to conducting their on-site monitoring reviews off-site will need to complete a waiver form.
- Reminder: SSO requires **all** sites must be monitored during operation.
- SSO On-site monitoring form here:
<https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/SSOOnsite.pdf>
- You will record your dates of monitoring in your SSO site application