

## **Check in with CANS**

### **August 4, 2022 at 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT**

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### **All Program Reminders or Updates:**

- DOE Communication Policy Update (started July 1):
  - To streamline and consolidate communications from the department. To standardize communications so important announcements are easier to identify as department communications.
  - DOE and Food Service News Hub: <https://doe.sd.gov/>.
    - Will keep a running list of hot topics. This is reserved for hot topics that are included in the CANS News Update email and sometimes other email listservs like the Superintendent email listserv.
  - CANS bulletin is discontinued, replaced with periodic CANS News Update emails.
    - Trying to keep these to once a week for child nutrition programs. Food Distribution Program in schools will also send CANS News Update emails regarding USDA Foods, DoD FFAVORS, and SD processed food orders.
  - Working on creating and using listservs to better automate the emails
  - Will still host monthly Check in Calls, Crash Course webinars, and other trainings as dictated by program requirements.
  - Nothing in this policy update will change our desire to provide customer service, one on one emails, or phone calls. Please continue to send in your questions!
  - Send in your feedback about this policy change at [DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us).
- Waiver updates (applicable programs noted in parenthesis with each waiver): (Mikayla/Cheriee)
  - #107(SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2022 Operations – Extension 5](#)
    - Expires September 30, 2022.
    - Waives area eligibility requirement for sponsors in good standing and allows sites to operate as open. Any current School Food Authority or Sponsor Agency can operate a free meal site through SSO or SFSP.
  - #108 (SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites for Summer 2022 Operations – Extension 4](#)
    - Expires September 30, 2022
    - Waives the requirement for closed enrolled SFSP sites to collect applications in order to serve free SFSP meals.
  - #109 (SSO): [Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP Reimbursement Rates in Summer 2022](#)
    - Expires September 30, 2022
    - Allows SFSP reimbursement rate for SSO meals and snacks until 9/30/2022, or until SY22-23 NSLP/SBP starts.

- #110 (NSLP, SBP, SSO): [Waiver to Allow Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations Related to COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions Impacting School Meals in SY22-23](#)
  - Expires June 30, 2023.
  - Waives the requirement for AR fiscal action for missing food components, missing production records, milk type violations, or veg subgroup violations when due to supply chain issues related to COVID-19.
- #111 (SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2022 Operations - Extension 7](#)
  - Expires September 30, 2022
  - Waives the requirement to serve meals through the SFSP and SSO in a congregate setting for summer 2022.
- #112 (SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents & Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for Summer 2022 Operations - Extension 7](#)
  - Expires September 30, 2022
  - Allows meals to be served to parents/guardians if the agency needs to distribute meals during COVID 19 related operations to a parent or guardian to take home to their children.
- #113 (SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2022 Operations - Extension 4](#)
  - Expires September 30, 2022
  - Waives the requirement that time must elapse between meal service. Operators will need this waiver if they have an issue related to COVID 19 where they needed to serve in a non-congregate setting and wanted to send home multiple meals at one time.
- #114 (SSO/SFSP): [Nationwide Waiver of the Summer Sponsor Application Deadline and to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval for Summer 2022 Operations](#)
  - Expires September 30, 2022.
  - Waives the June 15 application deadline for SFSP. This waiver also allows reimbursement for meals served under a complete and correct application for SFSP and SSO. This does not allow back dating prior to a complete and correct iCAN application submission date. Operators that wish to use this waiver flexibility may do so by submitting a complete and correct iCAN application.
- Staffing Updates
  - New Senior Secretary – Darian Schaefer
  - New SNP Program Specialist - Melissa Cuka

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

- Annual Training Requirement Reminder: Program year 2021-22 is coming to an end – have you completed your annual training requirement?
- [Program year 2022-23 CACFP meal reimbursement rates](#) have been released. Posted on CANS CACFP website, <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/cacfp.aspx>, under Claims for Reimbursement section.
  - USDA Donated Foods Value Cash in Lieu: \$0.30 cents

○ Rates:

Centers <sup>2</sup>		Breakfast	Lunch and Supper <sup>1</sup>		Supplement (Snack)			
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.45	0.47		0.19			
	REDUCED PRICE	1.91	3.63		0.64			
	FREE	2.21	4.03		1.18			
Day Care Homes <sup>2</sup>			Breakfast		Lunch and Supper		Supplement (Snack)	
			Tier I	Tier II	Tier I	Tier II	Tier I	Tier II
CONTIGUOUS STATES			1.66	1.66	3.04	3.04	0.97	0.97
Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes		Initial 50	Next 150		Next 800		Each Additional	
Per Home/Per Month Rates in U.S. Dollars								
CONTIGUOUS STATES		137	104		81		72	

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

- SNP iCAN applications are open for SY2022-23. Applications are **due August 19, 2022**.
- Free and Reduced applications: Families that may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals will need to submit an application for SY 2022-23. Waivers that allowed schools to serve universal free meals, due to the pandemic, have expired. Schools should communicate early and often with families about the [application process](#). This memo went to superintendents on July 13, and was also included in the CANS News – 7/19/2022 email.
- Reimbursement rates for SY 2022-23:
  - [School year 2022-23 School Nutrition Program meal reimbursement rates](#) have been released. Posted on CANS SNP website, <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/snp.aspx>, under Application and Claim Information section.
  - USDA Donated Foods Value for NSLP: \$0.43 cents
  - Rates

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM <sup>1,3</sup>		LESS THAN 60%	LESS THAN 60% + 8 cents <sup>2</sup>	60% OR MORE	60% or MORE + 8 cents <sup>2</sup>
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.77	0.85	0.79	0.87
	REDUCED	3.93	4.01	3.95	4.03
	PRICE FREE	4.33	4.41	4.35	4.43
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM		NON-SEVERE		SEVERE NEED	
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.50		0.50	
	REDUCED PRICE	1.96		2.37	
	FREE	2.26		2.67	
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM <sup>3</sup>		ALL MILK	PAID MILK	FREE MILK	
PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE OPTION		0.2700	N/A	N/A	
PRICING PROGRAMS WITH FREE OPTION		N/A	0.2700	Average Cost Per 1/2Pint of Milk	
NONPRICING PROGRAMS		0.2700	N/A	N/A	
AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS					
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID			0.09	
	REDUCED PRICE			0.54	
	FREE			1.08	

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- Severe Need Breakfast and Specially Needy Lunch Reimbursement Rates (iCAN)
  - For schools that operated NSLP in SY2020-21. Normal application approval process applies.
  - For schools that did not operate an NSLP in SY2020-21:
    - Severe need and specially needy approvals will occur after an iCAN system patch that is expected in late August/mid-September.
    - Applications can be approved now.
    - The system patch will update the application and it will remain in the approved status.
    - Complete and timely claims for July, August, and September claims will be paid on the normal schedule. After the system patch, any effected claims that were eligible for Severe Need or Specially Needy rates will need to be adjusted and will be paid in the next monthly reimbursement payment.
- Adult meal Price Requirements:
  - **Lunch** – Non-Specially Needy schools (< 60%FR): Adult Lunch Price \$4.85 minimum
  - **Lunch**-Specially Needy Schools (> 60% FR): Adult Lunch Price \$4.87 minimum
  - **Breakfast** – Non-Severe Need schools (<40%FR): \$2.26 minimum
  - **Breakfast** – Severe Need schools (>40%FR): \$2.67 minimum
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program site selection, awards, upcoming training
  - Site selection and awards will be made soon – we apologize for this process taking longer than typical
  - [FFVP Participant Quiz](#) available
  - [Optional program participant training webinar](#) scheduled for 2:30PM CT Thursday, September 8
- Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) SY22-23
  - SY2022-23 guidance:
    - Schools are not required to complete the PLE Tool for SY22-23 (if used SSO in SY21-22)

- If you would like to complete the PLE Tool, please use October '19 data
  - Schools can choose to not raise student paid lunch prices in SY 2022-23 from the prior price, decrease the paid lunch prices, or increase their price.
  - 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 was approved for USDA waiver #26:
    - 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
- Net Cash Resources: all School Nutrition Program's **Non-public** schools need to fill out the annual Financial Statement for SY21-22 and return to SD DOE Grants Management at: [stacey.booth@state.sd.us](mailto:stacey.booth@state.sd.us) by **August 28<sup>th</sup>**. You will find a copy of the Financial Statement at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/snp.aspx> under Application and Claim Information. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Booth at 605-773-3456.
- SNP Wall Calendar – [Request calendar form](#). Note: The calendar is specific to school settings and may not be as useful in non-school centers. These were handed out at the SNP Pathways Training on June 6 and 7 and at the SNA SD Conference on July 21, 2022.



- **Harvest of the Month Grant Opportunity from South Dakota Department of Health:** South Dakota Department of Health is excited to announce the opportunity to fund up to \$1,500 to implement Harvest of the Month for ten youth programs across the state. The grant is now open; **applications are due August 10th by 5:00pm CT.**
  - This grant is designed to actively engage children in learning about and exposing them to fruits and vegetables utilizing Harvest of the Month educational lesson plans, recipes and supporting materials.
  - Funding is provided for: implementing twelve Harvest of the Month lessons; purchasing produce for sampling and preparation of recipes; and printed educational materials. More information and grant application can be found at <https://healthysd.gov/fundingopportunities/>. Please contact [Liz.Marso@state.sd.us](mailto:Liz.Marso@state.sd.us) if you have questions regarding this opportunity.

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

- The order form for September delivery is now open. The order form will close on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. CT
- SY2022-23 Entitlement:
  - USDA is using SY2021-22 Total Lunches Served (TLS) to calculate entitlement for SY2022-23. Entitlement is reconciled every November, and early estimates predict agencies entitlement will decrease once the TLS are updated. In order to help alleviate some of the impact to decreased entitlement, South Dakota was able to order a number of higher priced bonus items. Bonus items do not use entitlement dollars.

### **Upcoming Trainings or Calls: Andrea**

#### **Back to Basics with CANS**

Live Zoom Webinar, Tuesdays at 2:30 pm CST

8/9 SNP Production Records

8/16 SNP Offer Vs. Serve

8/23 Free and Reduced Meal Applications

#### **Crash Course with CANS**

Live Zoom Webinar, Thursdays at 2:30 pm CST  
8/11 FDP Monthly Order Guidance  
8/18 CACFP iCAN Applications  
8/25 iMATCH Direct Cert of Students

**Check in With CANS**

Live Zoom call, First Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm CST  
September 1, 2022

**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 call can credit for 30 minutes of NSLP training.** Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 30 minutes