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Expiring Soon! Updated CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibilities

Approximately five [5] years ago, on April 25, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the final rule entitled, "Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010." Its primary function was to update the CACFP meal pattern requirements as well as the meal pattern requirements for both infants and preschoolers in the NSLP and SBP. Participating institutions and sponsors were notified that each had until October 1, 2017 to comply with the new rule change.

During FY 2021, flexibilities were granted to Program operators who continued to experience challenges with meeting the updated CACFP meal pattern requirements. Sponsors and institutions were provided a transition period in which only technical assistance was provided if new meal pattern requirements were not met (meal pattern requirements that were NOT new were still subject to meal reclaims and disallowances).

Beginning **October 1, 2021**, this transition period will end as program operators have had several years to adjust their meal operations to incorporate the new meal patterns. As a result, program operators may receive meal reclaims and disallowances if the new meal pattern requirements are not met. To ensure your success with meeting the updated CACFP meal pattern requirements, we have referenced several resources below.

- ICN Child and Adult Care Meal Pattern Requirements Training
- Serving Milk in CACFP Worksheet [English] [Spanish]
- Recorded CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Serving Milk in CACFP
- Grain Requirements in the CACFP; Questions & Answers, May 3, 2018
- Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs

FY 2022 CACFP Renewal began August 1

CACFP Renewal for FY 2021 opened on August 1, 2021. All information entered in the FY 2021 application packet as of July 30, 2021, will transfer to the FY 2022 renewal application in GA ATLAS.

It is our hope that opening the CACFP renewal process earlier this year will allow institutions more time to update their application for the upcoming new fiscal year. Access to the FY 2021 application will be available until the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned Application Specialist:

Application Specialists	Institution Assignment	Email	Phone Number
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Failure to complete the annual requirements by the specified deadline date will impact continued participation in the CACFP, which includes submission of monthly claims for reimbursement.

DATE	TASK
July 15	Registration Opens for required 2022 CACFP Annual Training
August 1	Enrollment Opens for FY 2022
	• Upon completion of Annual Training and Assessment,
	Sponsors & Institutions may enroll in FY 2022
September 15	Deadline to submit any additional changes to the FY 2021
	Application MUST be completed in GA ATLAS by September 15,
	2021, to allow time for review and processing.
	Any FY 2021 changes including:
	updates to the application
	management plan and budget
	 the addition/termination of centers/homes
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September 30	 Deadline to complete 2022 CACFP Annual Training and Assessment
	Deadline to submit 2022 CACFP Application
	• Deadline to submit original or annual budget and budget amendments.

Celebrating Breastfeeding as the Best Source of Nutrition

Each year in August, National WIC Breastfeeding Week is celebrated in conjunction with World Breastfeeding Week to promote and support breastfeeding as the best source of nutrition for a baby's first year of life. This year's World Breastfeeding Week theme, **Protect Breastfeeding:** A Shared Responsibility, focuses on how breastfeeding contributes to the survival, health, and wellbeing of all moms and their babies.

In addition to **downloadable resources and materials**, **videos**, and the **WIC Breastfeeding Check-In Tool** on the **WIC Breastfeeding Support** site (not to mention articles to share with participants), there are a number of resources to help promote and celebrate breastfeeding this August, and year-round to help meet the **Healthy People 2030 Breastfeeding Objectives**, which includes increasing the proportion of infants:

- Exclusively breastfed through six months of age and
- Breastfed at one year.

Breastfeeding Tip:

Centers and day care homes are strongly encouraged, but not required, to offer a quiet,

private area that is comfortable and sanitary for mothers who come to the center or day care home to breastfeed. However, if a mother chooses to breastfeed her infant in her car, on the grounds of the center or home, the meal could still be claimed for reimbursement. If the mother chooses to leave the premises to breastfeed her infant, the meal would not be reimbursable.

Is Your Institution Required To Submit An Annual Budget?

Original or Annual Budgets and Budget Amendments must be submitted on or before **September 30,2021**. At a minimum, annual budgets are required when:

- An Independent Center with an approved budget in FY 2021 intends to use FY 2022 reimbursement funds for new operating and/or administrative costs that require prior approval, specific prior written approval, or formal procurement.
- An Independent Center with an approved budget in FY 2021 with approved costs and the same costs in FY 2022, but new supporting documentation must be submitted for review and approval (e.g., lease agreements for center space, equipment rental, etc.).
- All Administrative, Center and DCH sponsoring organizations must submit an annual budget.

Please follow links below for budget related tools and references:

- Budget Guidance Manual
- Budget Checklist
- Budget Allocation Worksheet

When can our Institution start working on the FY2021-2022 budget? August 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Where should I send my budget revisions?

Documentation to support costs can be uploaded in GA ATLAS and notify the Budget Compliance Specialist, Gwen Howard.

All costs must be approved in the budget prior to using CACFP reimbursements. Please refer to the **Budget Guidance Manual** for guidance on budget revisions. For questions regarding the budget please contact the Budget Compliance Specialist, **Gwendolyn Howard**.

How to Request Continued Use of USDA Waivers for FY 2021 – 2022

CACFP Institutions and Sponsors (excludes sponsors of Day Care Homes):

CACFP institutions and sponsors must certify continued use of USDA Nationwide Waivers for the new Program year by completing and saving the **FY 2021 – 2022** USDA waiver request template (illustrated below) which can be found in the **USDA Waiver Module in GA Atlas.**

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Specifically:

- The FY 2021 2022 template will become accessible once the institution/sponsor's application renewal for the new Program year has been approved. In GA Atlas, the **Application Packet Status** must indicate "**Approved**" for FY 2021 2022. For a reminder of the CACFP application renewal instructions, please click **here.** For complete instructions on how to submit a waiver request in GA Atlas, please click **here.**
- Participating institutions with previously approved waivers, must also certify continued use of these waivers for FY 2021-22 via the waiver module in GA ATLAS. This will ensure DECAL has the most current and accurate waiver usage information possible for reporting and monitoring purposes.
- Participating institutions that have not utilized waivers in the past and/or new institutions in need of a waiver, must also do so via the waiver module.

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When accessing the waiver module, the **"Detail"** link on the **USDA Waivers List** page will be active for School Year 2021 – 2022 as shown; click the link to begin the waiver request process.

Day Care Home Sponsors (DCH):

GA Atlas is currently undergoing system changes to accommodate waiver requests from day care home sponsors. Therefore, accessing the waiver module remains temporarily unavailable

to organizations in this category. DCH sponsors who wish to request a waiver for their homes must contact Tammie Baldwin via email at **Tammie.Baldwin@decal.ga.gov**.

Completion of Forms for Uploading (new):

As of August 1, 2021, SFSP & CACFP operators may begin using the new**USDA Waiver Request Addendum** to request waivers for **Parent/Guardian Pick-up** and the **Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver** when using home delivery only. This addendum will now be used in place of forms previously posted on the DECAL website. All other available waivers can be requested through the waiver module in GA Atlas without further completion of an additional form. The USDA Waiver Request Addendum is available here and can also be found on the DECAL website. Once completed, the form can be uploaded within the waiver request template in GA Atlas.

For additional information on requesting a waiver, please access the following resources:

- USDA Waiver User Guide Provides step by step instructions on how to submit a waiver request in GA Atlas.
- Important Reminders when Using USDA National Waivers
- July Memo Monday Webinar Discusses procedure updates when requesting a waiver using the USDA Waiver feature in GA ATLAS.

For general questions regarding requesting a USDA Nationwide Waiver, please contact **Tammie.Baldwin@decal.ga.gov.**

Guidance for Serving School-Age Children in the CACFP during COVID-19

On August 21, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued questions and answers intended to provide clarification to State agencies and Program operators (institutions) about serving meals to school-age children who are attending school virtually, and who are also enrolled and attending child care during the day. You can review the USDA memo **here**.

Based on this guidance, DECAL has developed a document that outlines the requirements institutions must follow when serving meals to school age children. Please review the document **here**.

As a reminder, to ensure program integrity, DECAL is requiring Sponsors/Institutions to take the following action:

- 1. Sponsors must complete the **School-Age Children Certification Statement-Sponsors** confirming that they will follow program guidelines and agree to inform, train and monitor program accountability for their applicable sites.
- 2. Independent Centers must complete the School-Age Children Certification Statement-Independent Centers agreeing to follow program guidelines.
- **3.** School-Age Children Certification forms must be kept on file at the sponsor's office or center and must be made available upon request by USDA, DECAL or an authorized representative.

Reminder: Review Your Online CACFP Applications for Accuracy Institutions and Sponsors are required to review and ensure that all sections of their CACFP application in GA ATLAS are accurate at all times. Failure to maintain an accurate application could result in a finding(s) and/or an adverse action.

Click here to access CACFP application update procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Temika Moore, Business Operations Representative.

Business Ops Representative	Institution Assignment	Email	Phone
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CACFP Reimbursement Rates

Effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

	Child and Adult Care Centers			Day Car	e Homes
Type of Meal Served	Free	Reduced Price	Paid	Tier I & Tier II Higher	Tier II (Tier II Lower)
Breakfast	1.97	1.67	.33	1.40	.51
Lunch or Supper	3.92	3.52	.61	2.89	1.85
Snacks	1.000	.50	.09	.78	.21

Cash-in-Lieu value of 26.00 (.2600) cents is already added to lunch/supper rates for centers as shown above.

Administrative Payments for Day Care Home Sponsors Per Home/Per Month Rate in Whole U.S. Dollars		
Number of Homes	Rate	
Initial 50 (homes 1 - 50)	\$ 126.00	
Next 150 (homes 51 – 200)	\$ 96.00	
Next 800 (homes 201 – 1000)	\$ 75.00	
All Additional (homes 1001 and over)	\$ 66.00	

Beech-Nut to stop selling a specific baby rice cereal because of arsenic levels found in some test samples

Baby food brand Beech-Nut Nutrition this week announced a voluntary recall of one of its baby food products and said it would stop making the product due to arsenic levels found in some test samples.



The company issued a voluntary recall of one lot of Beech-Nut Stage 1, Single Grain Rice Cereal, according to a statement on its website. While no illnesses have been reported to date, samples from the cereal tested "above the guidance level for naturally occurring, inorganic arsenic" set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), according to Beech-Nut.

The specific Beech-Nut Single Grain Rice item (UPC Code# 52200034705) being recalled has an expiration date of 01MAY2022 and product codes: 103470XXXX and 093470XXXX. The expiration date and product numbers can be found at the bottom of the Beech-Nut Single Rice Cereal canister. These specific product codes were distributed nationally through retail and online.

CACFP Resources:

The following documents were covered in previous newsletters:

What to do if you have Lost or Destroyed Records Monitoring Sponsored Centers Non-profit Food Service and Procurement Procedures Income Eligibility Guidlines for FY 2022 CACFP Training Resources Farmers Resource List Questions and Answers for Child Nutrition Program Operations in School Year 21-22 How to file a CACFP Claim for Reimbursement How to update your banking information How to Exclude Cash-In-Lieu (CIL) When Calculating for CACFP Administrative Cost How to Calculate Allowable Administrative Costs Each Month Guidance on Reimbursement for Meals and Snacks Served to Young Adults in the CACFP Guidance on P-EBT for Schools and Childcare FAQs Child Nutrition Program: Emergency Operational Costs Program

You can find archived CACFP Newslettershere.

Get Informed: Upcoming Training Opportunities

Upcoming Training and Technical Assistance

August 19, 2021 –

Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals Programs

Are you aware of the Civil Rights requirements regarding meal modifications in CACFP? We are pleased to invite you to a webinar hosted by the FNS Civil Rights Division to learn:

- modifications to accommodate disabilities and
- Civil Rights requirements regarding meal modifications.

You may join this webinar using one of the following ways:

- 1. Join by clicking on Meeting Link
- 2. Join by phone: 1-415-527-5035 US Toll; Access code: 199 467 9034

September 14, 2021 –

CACFP Monitoring of Procurement Practices Part 2

Do you need a repeat refresher on the requirements for monitoring a sponsored center's procurement practices? Join this webinar session to learn:

Procedures dated October 1, 2021,

 about the policy for monitoring procurement practices for affiliated and unaffiliated centers detailed in the CACFP memo, *Monitoring Requirements* – *Monitoring Sponsored Centers Non-profit Food Service and Procurement*

Registration Coming Soon

- the timeline for implementing monitoring procedures for sponsored centers,
- how to conduct monitoring procedures for each procurement method, and
- how to use the updated monitoring form and the exceptions to this policy memo.

In Case You Missed It: Memo Monday!

Memo Monday webinars provide an overview of new and/or revised policy memorandums for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and/or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

• If you missed a *Memo Monday*, please visit the **Training and Technical Assistance** webpage for previously recorded webinars. The **July Memo Monday** webinar discussed procedure updates when requesting a waiver using the USDA Waivers feature in GA ATLAS.

Update on Nationwide Waivers During COVID-19

In light of the exceptional circumstances of the current public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has extended Nationwide Waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus.

For any waiver-related questions, please contact Sonja Adams.

NATIONWIDE WAIVERS

DECAL Participation of Nationwide Waivers due to COVID-19

For full details on the CACFP waivers below, please click on the links to read the actual waiver memo or **click here** for more information on DECAL's website.

CACFP

Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs & for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022

This waiver allows schools and at-risk afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to claim all National School Lunch Program, Afterschool Snack Service and Child and Adult Care Food program At-Risk Afterschool meals and snacks at the free rate. This waiver also allows day care homes participating in the CACFP to claim all meals served to enrolled children at the Tier 1 rate, regardless of their location. . ****Waiver in effect until June 30**, **2022****

Reimbursement for Meals & Snacks served to Young Adults in the CACFP New! This waiver allows emergency shelters to claim reimbursement for meals and snacks served to individuals under the age of 25. ****Waiver in effect until the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted.**

Parent Pick-Up:

Under this waiver, Program operators in a State with an approved waiver allowing noncongregate meal distribution during COVID-19 related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their eligible children. ****Waiver extended to June 30**, **2022****

Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility

This waiver allows program operators to serve meals that do not meet specificed meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency. FNS is establishing a waiver for all States of the following CACFP requirements:

- That at least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain rich.
- That the crediting of grains by ounce equivalents must be fully implemented by October 1, 2021.
- That low-fat milk (1 percent) must be unflavored

Waiver in effect until June 30, 2022

Meal Times Waiver:

The requirement that meals must follow meal service time requirements is waived during the public health emergency. ****Waiver extended until June 30, 2022****

Non-Congregate Feeding:

The requirement that meals be served in a congregate setting and must be consumed by participants on site is waived during the public health emergency. ****Waiver extended to June 30, 2022****

Onsite Monitoring Requirements

FNS waives, for all CACFP sponsoring organizations, that CACFP monitoring requirements included at 226.16(d)(4)(iii) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). ****Waiver remains in effect until 30 days after the end of the public health emergency.****

Procurement Reminders

We are nearing a new CACFP program year which means now is the time to assess your budget before FY22 begins to determine the estimated dollar amount for food costs. As a reminder, if food costs will exceed \$250,000 sponsors and institutions will need to proceed with formal procurement procedures.

Please utilize the **DECAL Procurement Page** to download all updated procurement documents for both formal and informal procedures. Also, use this as an opportunity to view the Procurement Master classes to refresh your knowledge and understanding of procurement requirements for CACFP.

Local Sourcing Spotlight *What's Up Watermelon?*



It's summertime which means it is watermelon season here in Georgia. With over 40,000 acres in production, **watermelons** are Georgia's number produce crop according to Georgia Dept. of Agriculture.

Most watermelons are grown primarily in and around Central Georgia or southern Coastal Plains as well as Crisp County near the city of Cordele.

Located in Cordele, **Leger and Son, Inc.** is a family generation of growers known for producing and shipping high quality watermelons throughout the Southeast. Visit their website to learn how to purchase locally grown watermelon, discover new watermelon recipes as well as learn more about their sustainability practices.

Also, feel free to use this helpful guide when purchasing watermelons for your next meal whether it be a snack or taste testing a new recipe!

Buyers Guide to Melons

- When buying whole watermelons, look for a firm, slightly dull rind, that is fully round.
- When buying cantaloupes choose medium sized melons with thick, above surface netting

For questions regarding procurement, please contact LaMonika Jones Procurement Compliance Officer.

Nutrition Ed Nook

A Tasteful Menu Addition of Terrific Tomatoes

Thirst quenching watermelons are ripe and ready this month as our August Harvest of the Month (English and Spanish) spotlight!

Did you know that every bite of *watermelon* you eat contains 92% water? Watermelon serves as a summertime staple and back-to-school delight. Containing vitamins A and C, watermelon yields a nutritious fruit component for your CACFP snack or meal.

Intertwining nutritional education while serving watermelon is a proven way to increase children's acceptability of new fruits and vegetables. *How will you engage the children in your program during mealtime?*



Integration:

- Watermelon Salsa
- Watermelon Gazpacho
- Strawberry Watermelon Popsicles

Education:

- *Taste* watermelon. Try it fresh and sliced, blended in smoothies, made into popsicles, or added to salsa for a uniquely sweet twist!
- *Count* watermelon seeds. Counting seeds can encourage fine motor skills and connect to mathematical GELDS in the classroom.
- *Read* different books themed around watermelon. Examples include *Icy Watermelon* by Mary Sue Galindo, *Chasing Watermelons* by Kevin White, and *One Watermelon Seed* by Celia Barker Lottridge. Find more watermelon-themed book recommendations here!

Conversation:

- How many pounds do you think a watermelon weighs? What fruits are smaller than watermelons? Have you seen any fruits that are bigger than watermelons?
- Did you know that watermelons grow on a vine? Show your children watermelons growing in the garden or grow them yourselves!
- What was your children's favorite way to try watermelon? How would they describe the taste of watermelon?

Share your summer Harvest of the Month stories and menu integration of watermelon with Nutrition Health Educator, Diana Myers, MS, RD, LD at diana.myers@decal.ga.gov!



DECAL's Nutrition Spotlight: *Meet Leslie Truman, Administrative Assistant*

If you've ever dialed the main phone number for Nutrition Services, most likely the voice on the other end of the phone was **Leslie Truman**. In her role as Administrative Assistant, Leslie is the first point of contact for both providers and the public who want more information about the child and adult nutrition programs that are administered by the department.

Since 2006, Leslie has served as a resource about program operations, provider qualifications and training registrar for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).She enjoys talking to as

well as assisting callers who have the passion to feed children, at-risk youth and seniors. She also enjoys helping to connect callers with other resources. She says, "Some call to inquire about our programs and then find out that they qualify for another program; The excitement that I hear in their voices about the new possibilities is very rewarding." In recognition of her commitment to assisting our customers, Leslie was awarded the department's Platinum Service Award in 2019.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, and raised in Overland Park, a suburb of Kansas and Louisville, Kentucky, Leslie attended Eastern Kentucky University and earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts-Musical Theatre. "I've been singing as long as I can remember," she says. "I used to perform in plays and improv, however, I have since retired."

A fun fact about Leslie is that she loves her cat Princess. Since Leslie has been working from home for the last 15 months, Princess has "supurvised" Leslie from a box in her office. Leslie is also a huge KC Chiefs, Royals and KU fan. She will cheer for the Georgia teams to be polite.

October Farm to School Month

Sign Up Today to Receive Access to an Online Toolkit



Are you ready to start livin' la vida okra with us!? The sign-up for this year's October Farm to School Month campaign is now open!

Sign up today to receive access to our online toolkit filled with okra-themed easy activities, standards-based lessons, recipes, and more. The first 300 individuals to sign up can choose to be mailed seeds, washable tattoos, and our school garden planting and harvest calendar.

To find out more and sign up, visit**bit.ly/livinlavidaokra.** #livinlavidaokra #farmtoschool @GeorgiaOrganics.

Strategic Plan for Growing Farm to School and Early Care and Education in Georgia

The Georgia Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Coalition (Coalition) and Georgia Farm to School Alliance (Alliance) engaged 53 partner organizations including



bit.ly/StrategicPlan2021-2025

K-12 school staff, ECE professionals, nonprofits, health systems, universities, and state agencies (stakeholders) to create the 2021-2025 strategic plans.

In addition to independent strategic plans for each entity, the Coalition and Alliance stakeholders agreed on joint goals and key measures of success to document collective achievement of the plans.

Access the document here.

Dates to Remember

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DATE:	
August 1	FY22 Application Opened
August 10	Renewal Readiness Training (Optional)
August 19	• Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals
	Programs Webinar
September 14	CACFP Procurement Readiness Webinar
September 15	• Deadline to review the FY 2021 application packet and make
	updates
September 30	Deadline to complete FY22 Annual CACFP Training and
	Assessment
	• Deadline to submit FY 22 CACFP Renewal Application
	Deadline to submit original or annual budget and budget
	amendments.
October 1	CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibilities end
	Farm to School Month

Join Us for a NEW DECAL Download! Georgia's Pre-K Program

For more than 60,000 of Georgia's youngest learners it's time for school as Georgia's Pre-K Program begins the new school year. The first day of Georgia's Pre-K Program varies based on school system and child care provider. Taliaferro County kicked things off on July 19 and programs continue to open as late as the week of September 6, in Murray and Webster counties. Most Georgia school



systems began the first and second weeks of August.

In this week's episode we have an update on Georgia's Pre-K Program and some tips if this is your child's first experience in school. **Click here** to listen.

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