



June 25, 2021

Important Reimbursement and Waiver Information

It is always CDA's goal for Child Care Providers to be successful claimers on the Nutrition Program. Almost daily we are seeing changes in the State with regards to Covid-19.

The info below could affect your claim. Effective July 1, 2021 we will **no longer** reimburse meals with the following claim errors due to the expiration of those exceptions to the USDA Meal Pattern Waiver:

- A meal component is missing from the meal
- Only 1 valid food item was served at snack
- The same food was served twice in the same meal (example: broccoli and broccoli)
- A specific food combination has been detected (example: lentil beans and pinto beans)
- A food listed on your menu is an invalid food # (applies to scanner claims)
- A specific food cannot be served in a given meal (example: tortilla chips at lunch/dinner)
- Juice cannot be reimbursed at Lunch or Dinner
- A Whole Grain (WG) must be offered and identified daily for at least 1 meal
- Juice is allowed once daily and for breakfast or snack only
- Meat or Meat Alternate cannot be offered more than 3 times a week at breakfast
- A signed medical statement now needs to be on file for children needing one

CDA has been approved for extensions to the State waivers that expire on June 30, 2021, but they may only **be used to the extent needed**. Some waivers will need to be reassessed by CDE/CDA periodically between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 to continue use. With the State opening up and no food shortages at local markets, the following waivers will only apply as long as needed. **Currently they have been extended July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.**

- ❖ **[COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #87: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Noncongregate Meal Service for SY 2021-22](#)**. This waiver allows Child Care Providers to provide noncongregate meals during COVID-19. Providers can prepare and deliver meals to the child's home.
- ❖ **[COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #88: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times Requirements for SY 2021-22](#)**. Allows Child Care Providers to serve meals outside of the scheduled meal times. It is expected to the best of your ability you serve meals at your regularly scheduled times so Monitors can virtually see meals. This waiver is in use if parents have unusual drop off/pick up times outside the normal meal times.



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- ❖ [**COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #89: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children \(Grab n Go Meals\).**](#) Allows Child Care Providers with an approved noncongregate waiver to distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. The CDA form must be sent to CDA's office monthly with the parent's signature.
- ❖ [**COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #91: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility in the CACFP.**](#) ALL required Meal Pattern foods for a meal must be offered and documented to receive reimbursement for that meal. This waiver allows Child Care Providers to serve meals that do not require additional weight of the grains served. A whole grain must be offered and identified daily. All food components must be offered effective July 1, 2021 for the meal to be reimbursed.
- ❖ [**COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #93 Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility for Family Day Care Home Providers.**](#) Allows Child Care Providers to be automatically reimbursed at the Tier 1 (Higher reimbursement rate) from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This change will automatically be made in Minute Menu for the current Tier 2 Providers. To qualify for reimbursable meals for your own children, all Providers must income qualify with the Eligibility form.
- ❖ [**COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #96: Nationwide Waiver of On-site Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the CACFP – Extension.**](#) Allows CDA administering the CACFP to continue virtual monitoring visits via Zoom, Facetime, What's App, etc...This remains in effect until 30 days after the national pandemic is ended.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (619) 427-4922 or by email at cif@cdasd.org.

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