

Staying on Track

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Health and Nutrition Services
Arizona Department of Education



Today's webinar will be facilitated by Ashley Kennedy. Prior to joining ADE in March 2022, Ashley worked in food service at Tempe Elementary School District and completed the School Nutrition Specialist internship at Paradise Valley Unified School District.

Ashley helps lead the upLIFT efforts that provide professional development for directors to serve desired menus.

A portrait of Ashley Kennedy, a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a blue collared shirt. The background is a solid blue color.

Speaker



Disclaimer

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Intended Audience

This training is intended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Objectives

The Staying on Track Webinar Series reviews key HNS communications sent to program directors over the past month. The monthly recap will:

- Ensure vital emails were not overlooked;
- Give HNS an opportunity to provide detailed training on important topics; and
- Provide program directors an opportunity to ask for clarifications.

TRAINING HOURS

Information to include when documenting this training for Professional Standards:

Training Title: July Staying on Track

Key Area: 1000 – Nutrition, 3000 – Administration

Learning Code: 1170, 3120, 3220, 3350, 3360

Length: 1 hour

Questions

- Questions can be asked in the Q&A at any time and will be answered by another HNS trainer during the webinar.
- At the end of the webinar, the trainer will answer new questions or questions that still need to be addressed.
- Any questions not addressed during the webinar should be directed to your HNS Specialist.



Agenda

Section 1: June HNS Communications Round-Up

Section 2: Last Month's Hot Topics

Section 3: Last Month's Training Opportunities

Section 4: A Look Ahead to Upcoming Deadlines and HNS Communications

Section 1

June HNS
Communications
Round-Up



Announcements



SUMMER FARM FRESH CHALLENGE

The start of the Farm Fresh Challenge, which is an HNS initiative designed to empower CNP operators to cultivate excitement around fresh and locally sourced foods, was announced. Thank you to all who participated!



LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY (LWP) ASSESSMENT WAIVER EXPIRED JUNE 30

The LWP assessment waiver expired on June 30. SFAs are encouraged to use either ADE's assessment resource or WellSAT-1 or WellSAT 3.0, which help measure and score how a district implements wellness practices.



EXCESSIVE HEAT NON-CONGREGATE FEEDING WAIVER

Summer operators wishing to utilize the Excessive Heat Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver must submit a participation form to ContactHNS@azed.gov.



CNPWEB NOW ACCEPTING MAY SUMMER MEALS CLAIMS

Operators of the SSO and SFSP that operated in May must submit their May claims for reimbursement by July 30, 2023.

Announcements



PY23-24 CNP REIMBURSEMENT RATES

USDA released the CNP reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. This includes the updated rates for NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP, and CACFP.

Deadlines




ELIGIBLE STUDENT DATA FOR SUMMER P-EBT DUE JUNE 30, 2023

SFAs were responsible for reporting students meeting eligibility for Summer P-EBT through the portal CNP P-EBT Eligibility in ADEConnect by June 30, 2023. Any missing data must be submitted by August 4, 2023.


Memorandums

 **SFSP 09-2023: APPROVED LEVELS OF MEALS FOR VENDED SITES IN THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM- REVISED**

SFSP 09-2023 provides guidance for approved levels of meals, also known as site caps, for SFSP sites serving vended meals.

 **HNS 06-2023: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DIRECT CERTIFICATION WITH MEDICAID DATA DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

HNS 06-2023 alerts NSLP operators of Arizona's approval to participate in the Direct Certification with Medicaid Data (DC-M) Demonstration Project.

 **HNS TA 01-2023: SY 23-24 STATE MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS**

HNS TA 01-2023 clarifies existing state match funding guidelines and requirements, including the return to original, pre-pandemic formulas for SY 23-24 state match funding allocations.

Section 2:
Last Month's
Hot Topics



ADE'S NEW BRANDING GUIDELINES

ADE has a new look! The current administration issued new branding guidelines, which included updates to approved fonts, colors, and a new logo.

Updated Program Forms

[AZED.GOV/HNS/NSLP/FORMS](https://azed.gov/hns/nslp/forms)

All NSLP/SBP forms have been updated. The most current forms are live on the NSLP & SBP - Program Forms & Resources webpage.

Updates include:

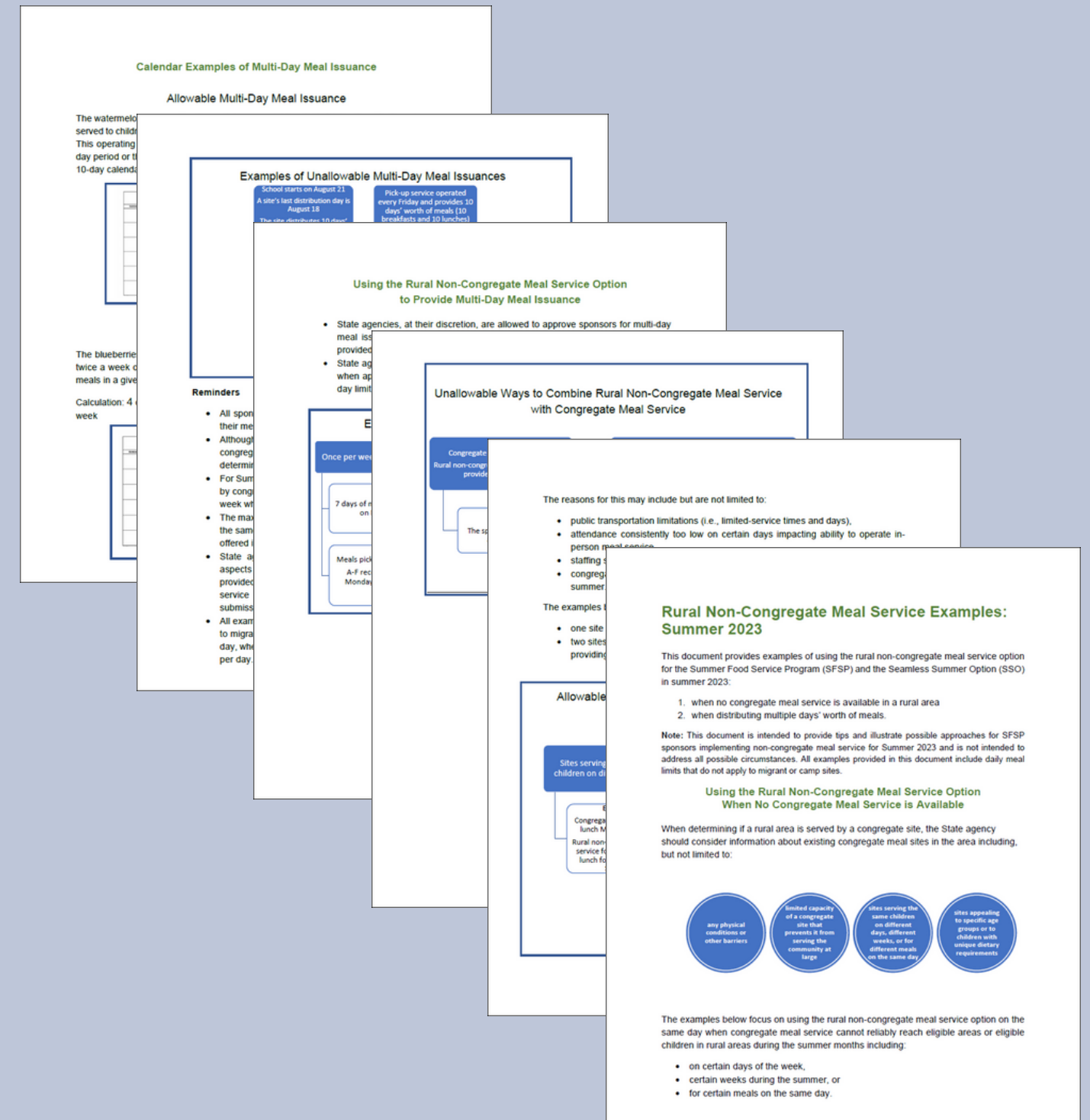
- Rebranded to adhere to ADE's new branding guidelines.
- Reduction in year-specific information to minimize the need for annual updates.

Rural Non-Congregate Feeding Resource

RURAL NON-CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE EXAMPLES: SUMMER 2023

FNS published Rural Non-Congregate Meal Service Examples: Summer 2023, which provides various tips and illustrates some possible approaches to using the rural non-congregate meal service option in summer 2023 when:

- No congregate meal service is available in a rural area.
- Distributing multiple days' worth of meals.



Rural Non-Congregate Meal Service Examples: Summer 2023

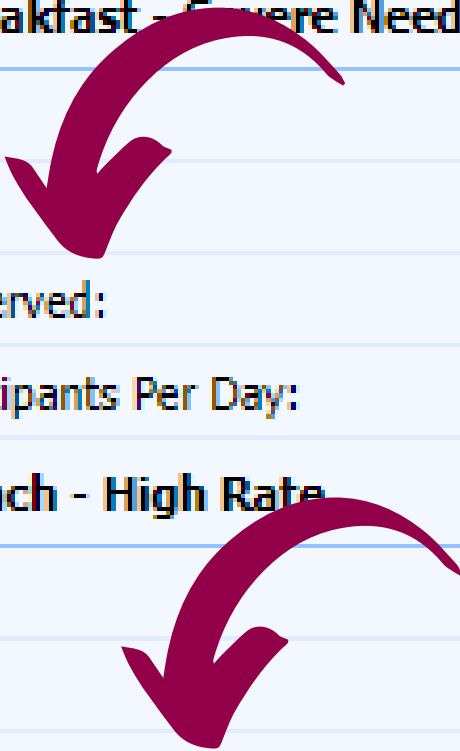
DOCUMENTING NON-CONGREGATE MEAL COUNTS

Sponsors serving non-congregate meals must maintain separate meal counts for the non-congregate meals served by meal service type (e.g., breakfast and lunch). This will be documented when submitting claims in CNPWeb.

If the site serves only Non-Congregate, or Congregate and Non-Congregate meal service styles, Non-Congregate Meals Served must be submitted on the claim. Sponsors will enter the Total Meals Served (Congregate + Non-Congregate) in the Meals Served field. The Non-Congregate portion should only include the Non-Congregate Meals served.

Regular Claim

Seamless Waiver - Breakfast - Severe Need	
Number of Days Served:	<input type="text"/>
Meals Served:	<input type="text"/>
Non-Congregate Meals Served:	<input type="text"/>
Average Number of Participants Per Day:	<input type="text"/>
Seamless Waiver - Lunch - High Rate	
Number of Days Served:	<input type="text"/>
Meals Served:	<input type="text"/>
Non-Congregate Meals Served:	<input type="text"/>
Average Number of Participants Per Day:	<input type="text"/>




Excessive Heat Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver

WAIVER OPT-IN

SFSP and SSO operators may opt into the Excessive Heat Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver, which permits non-congregate meal service for outdoor summer meal sites experiencing excessive heat, by submitting the Waiver Participation Form to ContactHNS@azed.gov.

The participating operator will be required to track and report to HNS the number of meals served under this flexibility in the Reporting Survey linked on the Summer Meal Service webpage, and keep documentation supporting the Excessive Heat Warning/Watch from the National Weather Service.



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Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat Waiver Participation Form

Under the waiver, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsoring entities operating approved outdoor meal sites without temperature-controlled alternative sites may operate as non-congregate sites on days when the area is experiencing excessive heat. Non-congregate meal service shall be permitted only on days when the National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory, an Excessive Heat Warning, or an Excessive Heat Watch for the area in which an approved outdoor meal site is located. Operators must notify the Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services Division prior to the affected meal service.

_____ **Name of Operator** _____ **CTD Number** _____

Operators are required to track and report the number of meals served under this flexibility in the reporting portal located on the [Summer Meal Service](#) webpage under the 'Reporting Use of Excessive Heat Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver' accordion. Please complete the form by listing the participating sites and email to ContactHNS@azed.gov.

Site Name	Site CTDs#	Site Name	Site CTDs#

CERTIFICATION

In providing the above information, I certify that the above listed sponsor and sites will operate in compliance with regulations detailed in USDA memo [SFSP 13-2019: Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat with Questions & Answers](#), including reporting and recordkeeping, for Summer Food Service Program operations.

_____ **Printed Name** _____ **Title** _____

_____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

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[Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat Waiver Participation Form](#)

The End of the Keep Kids Fed Act

EXPIRATION OF CNP FLEXIBILITIES

The flexibilities set through the Keep Kids Fed Act, which extended USDA authority to waive certain CNP requirements to address COVID-19, expired June 30, 2023.

Expired flexibilities include:

- Temporary higher per-meal reimbursement rates for NSLP, SBP, and CACFP
- Temporary higher tier I reimbursement rates for tier II family day care homes in CACFP
- Offsite monitoring waivers
- SY 22-23 meal service operational and administrative flexibilities

Compiled Child Nutrition Programs Reimbursement Rates for Program Year 2023-2024
Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

National School Lunch Program

REGULAR		REGULAR + 8 CENTS		HIGH RATE		HIGH RATE + 8 CENTS	
Schools which served LESS than 60% Free and Reduced Lunches		Schools which served LESS than 60% Free and Reduced Lunches +8 Cents		Schools which served MORE than 60% Free and Reduced Lunches		Schools which served MORE than 60% Free and Reduced Lunches +8 Cents	
RATES		RATES		RATES		RATES	
Paid	\$0.40	Paid	\$0.48	Paid	\$0.42	Paid	\$0.50
Reduced-Price	\$3.85	Reduced-Price	\$3.93	Reduced-Price	\$3.87	Reduced-Price	\$3.95
Free	\$4.25	Free	\$4.33	Free	\$4.27	Free	\$4.35

School Breakfast Program

NON-SEVERE NEED*		SEVERE NEED*	
RATES		RATES	
Paid	\$0.38	Paid	\$0.38
Reduced-Price	\$1.98	Reduced-Price	\$2.43
Free	\$2.28	Free	\$2.73

* The guidelines to determine eligibility for severe need for the School Breakfast Program and two-cent differential reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program are outlined in SP-11-2022: Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program and the Two-Cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program in School Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Afterschool Care Snack Program

RATES	
Paid	\$0.10
Reduced-Price	\$0.58
Free	\$1.17

At-Risk Afterschool Meals

RATES	
Breakfast	\$2.28
Lunch/Supper	\$4.25
Snack	\$1.17

Special Milk Program

RATES	
Paid	\$0.2625
Free	average cost of a 1/2 pint of milk

Administrative Reimbursement Rates

Initial	Next 150	Next 600	Each Additional
\$142	\$108	\$85	\$75

Home Care Programs

RATES	COMBINED RATES	
	Rural or Self-Prep	Urban or Catered
All Sites	\$2.57	\$2.7725
Breakfast	\$2.8250	\$2.7725
Lunch/Supper	\$4.9500	\$4.8700
Snack	\$1.1675	\$1.1400

Day Care Homes

RATES		SNACK	
RATES		RATES	
Paid	\$0.10	Paid	\$0.10
Reduced-Price	\$0.58	Reduced-Price	\$0.58
Free	\$1.17	Free	\$1.17

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Compiled Child Nutrition Programs Reimbursement Rates for PY 23-24

LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY ASSESSMENT WAIVER EXPIRED!

The LWP Assessment Waiver, which delayed the deadline for the first triennial assessment, expired on June 30, 2023.

SFAs must have completed their first assessment by June 30, 2023.

LWP Assessment

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

ADE's Assessment Resource: Tool to document the actions you expect to be completed and determine if your LEA is doing what is written in the policy.

WellSAT-1: Interview tool to measure how fully a district implements wellness practices.

WellSAT 3.0: Scores a district's written policy.

DC-M Demonstration Project

HNS 06-2023: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DC-M DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Starting SY 2023-24, ADE has been approved to administer the AZ Direct Certification Medicaid (DC-M) Free and Reduced Demonstration Project.

DC-M is the use of Medicaid data files to identify children eligible to receive meals through the NSLP and SBP for free or reduced-price without needing an application.

STATUS UPDATE!

Four SFAs participated in DC-M beta testing for HNS. The SFA contacts are providing feedback and insights on the outcome to HNS.

USDA is evaluating AZ's readiness to deploy system enhancements for DC-M. SFAs will be notified when DC matching using Medicaid data will begin in mid-July.

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

SFAs must notify their respective vendor/POS software provider of the inclusion of DC-M free and DC-M reduced data for the upcoming school year. Vendors will need to prepare the user interface and systems.

DC-M Eligibility

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for Medicaid data matching, students must either receive Medicaid or live in a household with another child who receives Medicaid and has family income as measured by the Medicaid Program.

Hierarchy of DC Matches

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and other direct certification matches **always** supersede Medicaid matches for reporting purposes.

Students should be identified as a Medicaid match only when there is no match with SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, or other programs.



Changes to the CNPDC System

PENDING MEMORANDUM: DC-M ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CNPDC SYSTEM

To accommodate DC using Medicaid data, the CNPDC system received the following updates:

1. Addition of Medicaid (MA)-Free and MA-Reduced Categories and Counts.
2. Addition of MA-Free and MA-Reduced in the Eligibility Type Column and Data Extraction.

The screenshot displays the 'CNP Direct Certification' web application. The header includes the Arizona Department of Education logo, the title 'CNP Direct Certification', and a user greeting 'Welcome, Rhodes, Maddie'. A navigation bar contains links for Home, Direct Certification, Email Notification, and Administration, along with Help, ADEConnect, and Logout options.

The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and features a 'New Search' button. Below this is a summary table for search results:

Search Type	Search Date	Searched By	Entity Name	Total Records	Matches		Partial Matches	No Matches	SNAP	TANF	Foster	FPIR	MEP	Homeless	Medicaid		
					Free	Reduced									Free	Reduced	

Below the summary table is a 'Download' section with a checkbox for 'Check here to include NO MATCH results' and icons for Excel and PDF. A 'Result: All' dropdown menu is also present.

The main data table has the following columns: First Name, Last Name, Birth Date, Result, Result Date, Decision Date, Eligibility Type, and Possible Duplicate. The 'Eligibility Type' column is highlighted and contains the following entries:

Eligibility Type	Possible Duplicate
MA-FREE	
MA-REDUCED	

The footer contains an 'Acceptable Use Policy' link, copyright information for 2017 Arizona Department of Education, and a 'Contact ADE Support' button with social media icons for Twitter and Facebook.

Forms & Resources for DC-M

WWW.AZED.GOV/HNS/NSLP/

Template Notification Letters for Students Qualifying for Free or Reduced Meals through DC-M:

- Notification for Free School Meals Letter, Direct Certification ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- Notification of Reduced-Price School Meals Letter, Direct Certification - Medicaid ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Coming soon! How-to Guide:

- How to Complete Direct Certification Using Medicaid Data

**NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS
DIRECT CERTIFICATION-MEDICAID**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to let you know that the child(ren) listed below qualify for reduced-price school meals because they receive **Medicaid-Reduced** benefits. If you believe your child(ren) qualify for free meals – complete and return a Free/Reduced application to the school with income information or a current SNAP (Food Stamp)/TANF case number.

Name of Child	Name of School

If someone in your household receives Medicaid-Reduced and there are other children in your household who aren't listed above, **they also qualify for reduced-price meals.**

Please contact the school your child(ren) attends in the following situations:

- If there are other children in your household who are not listed above, and you would like them to be qualified for reduced-price meals.
- You do not want your children to qualify for reduced-price meals.
- You have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

[signature]
[name]
[phone number] [e-mail address]

**NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS
DIRECT CERTIFICATION**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to let you know that the child(ren) listed below qualify for free school meals because they receive **State SNAP** **FDPIR** **State TANF** **Foster** **Homeless** **Migrant** or **Medicaid-Free** benefits. This means that you do not need to fill out a household application for these children to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Name of Child	Name of School

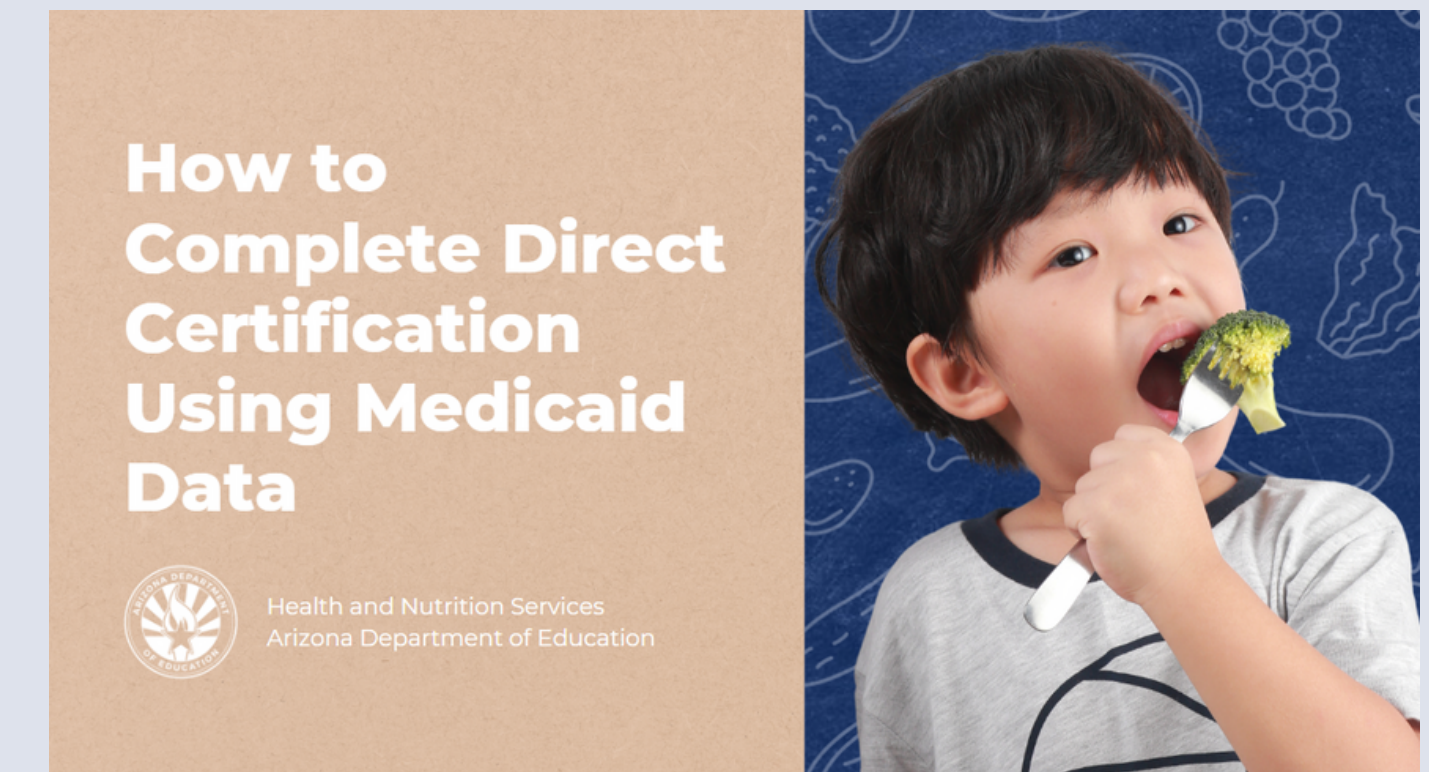
If someone in your household receives State SNAP, FDPIR, State TANF, or Medicaid-Free and there are other children in your household who aren't listed above, **they also qualify for free meals.** Please note that Foster, Homeless, or Migrant students **do not extend free meal benefits to other children in their household.**

Please contact the school your child(ren) attends in the following situations:

- If there are other children in your household who are not listed above, and you would like them to be qualified for free meals.
- You do not want your children to qualify for free meals.
- You have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

[signature]
[name]
[phone number] [e-mail address]



Applying for SY 23-24

SFAs applying to participate in school meals programs and USDA Foods in Schools program during SY 23-24 must complete the following:

- CNPWeb Site and Sponsor Applications
- CNPWeb Checklist Items
- Additional Documentation Requested by the HNS Specialist
- myFOODS renewal

SFAs should submit all application components as early as possible and allow three weeks for the application approval process to be completed. SFAs must ensure that all applications and all required components are submitted with adequate time for approval and to meet claiming deadlines.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

NSLP Online Training Library:

Visit HNS' online training library to access Step-by-Step Instructions.

NSLP & SBP - Program Forms and Resources:

Visit the NSLP forms and resources webpage to access templates and fillable forms needed for CNPWeb Checklist Items and Additional Documentation.

USDA Foods in Schools in SY 23-24

MYFOODS SYSTEM UPDATES

The myFOODS system has rolled to the new school year. All system dates will default to SY 23-24.

ACTION ITEMS

Existing users must update any contact and site information within the system. New users of the myFOODS system must contact ADE for access by emailing USDAFoods@azed.gov or calling 602-542-8700.

To schedule shipments from US Foods, SFAs must submit a PO or Letter of Responsibility to US Foods to cover all delivery fees in SY2024.

All catering sites are being verified with approved CNPWeb applications and will remain in unapproved status pending verification.

USDA Foods in Schools in SY 23-24


ADMINISTRATIVE FEE STRUCTURE

For USDA Foods (processing and brown box) handled by US Foods, the fee structure is:

- Prep Site delivery \$7.45 per case
- Warehouse delivery \$7.30 per case (100 case minimum)
- Pick Up \$5.29 per case (100 case minimum)
- Restocking fee \$1.25 per case

Additionally, ADE assesses administrative fees for the following:

- Processing bulk product \$0.02 per pound
- Excess storage \$1.35 per case
- Direct shipments from USDA \$0.25 per case

 USDA Foods in Schools Program Administrative Fee Structure Effective July 1, 2023	
The following chart outlines the administrative fees that will be incurred by recipient agencies (RAs) that order brown box and processed bulk product items. The Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DoD Fresh) does not have any administrative or shipping fees. Shipping fees are in accordance with the RA's method of receipt of brown box and processed bulk products.	
SHIPPING FEE TYPES Brown box and processed end products	RATE PER CASE* effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Delivered by US Foods to RA Prep Site 10 Case Minimum or 20 Case Minimum (50,000+ lunches)	\$7.45 Payment to US Foods
Delivered by US Foods to RA Warehouse 100 Case Minimum	\$7.30 Payment to US Foods
Picked up by RA at US Foods Warehouse 100 Case Minimum; RA must call	\$5.29 Payment to US Foods
Directly Shipped by USDA to RA 1/3 Truck Minimum	\$0.25 Payment to the Arizona Department of Education
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FEE TYPES	RATE PER CASE/UNIT* effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
US Foods Warehouse Restocking Fee	\$1.25 per case Payment to the US Foods
US Foods Warehouse Excess Storage Fee	\$1.35 per case Payment to the Arizona Department of Education
Processing Bulk Product Fee	\$0.02 per pound Payment to the Arizona Department of Education
* Please note, entitlement dollars cannot be used on administrative fees.	
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PROCESSING DIVERSION BULK POUNDS

SY 23-24 bulk pounds have been diverted to the processor and can be monitored via the applicable websites:

- [K12 Foodservice](#)
- [ProcessorLink](#)
- Nardone Bros. via broker

DoD Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

YOUR ENTITLEMENT IS READY FOR USE!

Funds set aside during the catalog requisition period are in the FFAVORS system for immediate use in the CNPs. All operators are encouraged to use funds in the Fall, as additional funds will be available for Spring.

- For SFAs currently operating SFSP, additional funds are available right now, and requests for these funds can be placed via a request to USDAFoods@azed.gov.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the USDA Foods Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System (FFAVORS). The page has a dark teal header with the USDA Foods logo and the system name. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: HOME > USDA FOODS. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Spotlights**: A section titled "USDA Foods Expected to be Available".
- Resources**: A list of links including "Infographic Set", "Policy", "Technical Assistance & Guidance", and "Research, Analysis & Background".
- Maintenance Notice**: A notice stating that FFAVORS is scheduled for maintenance every Sunday from 4:00 PM through 2:00 AM Central Time. The site may be unavailable for periods during this maintenance time.
- IDs and Passwords**: A section explaining that for access to FFAVORS, users must establish a user profile. It provides instructions for creating an eAuthentication account and mentions that users with existing IDs must still create a profile in FFAVORS. It also includes a link to "FFAVORS Login".
- USDA Market News**: A section providing information on the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables at major domestic wholesale markets, production areas, and ports of entry. It includes a link to "Market News Specialty Crops".
- Frequently Asked Questions and Help Desk**: A section for answering common questions about FFAVORS and the eAuthentication process. It includes links to "FFAVORS FAQs and Tips" and "FFAVORS Help Desk".

Turnip the Beet

HIGH QUALITY SUMMER MEALS AWARD PROGRAM

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding summer meal program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high-quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months.

HNS encourages all outstanding summer operators to nominate themselves for this nationally recognized award!



Get national recognition for your summer meals program! Submit a [Turnip the Beet Nomination Form](#) to HNS by September 30, 2023.



The ninth SY 2022-23 upLIFT bulletin featured photos from Humboldt Unified's "Serve the Rainbow" Initiative and Garden Bar, and included information about the June upLIFT webinar and the featured food - yellow corn!

Featured Resources:

- Research Rundown: Sustenance and Sustainability: Maximizing the Impact of School Gardens on Health Outcomes
- Featured Food - Yellow Corn!
 - Whole Food Profile
 - How to Use Whole Foods

Research Rundown

Article:
Sustenance and Sustainability: Maximizing the Impact of School Gardens on Health Outcomes

What did this study examine?
 The objective of this study was to review published dietary intake and/or determinants of dietary behaviors and components used. The review included thirteen programs conducted in school, either during school hours (Kindergarten-8th grade students).

Key findings:
 Three reviewed studies did not have a comparison or control intervention. None of the reviewed studies were randomized. Similar strategies for promoting school garden programs included cooking components, parental and stakeholder support, and promotion.

- Out of the **eleven** programs that examined dietary intake, **six** found that the program resulted in **increased** vegetable intake, and **four** showed **no effect**.
- Seven** studies preferred the **increased** vegetable intake.

In conclusion, some of the garden programs result in some improvement in behavior determinants and understanding how to achieve long-term improvements based programs in schools.

Put it into practice!

Aim to create a "hands on" curriculum and incorporate fun easy recipes that include school garden grown fruits and vegetables.

Create and post your best gardening projects to showcase media.

Reference:
 Davis, J., Spaniol, M., & Somerset, S. (2015). Sustenance and sustainability: Maximizing the impact of school gardens on health outcomes. *Health Nutrition*, 18(3), 2358-2367. doi:10.1017/S1536898015000022

How to Use Whole Foods

Innovative ideas for using real, whole foods in delicious ways!

Yellow Corn

Yellow corn is a variety of sweet corn. It is vibrant in color and has a distinct sweet and succulent flavor. In Arizona, yellow corn is in season over the summer from May to July.

Examples:

- Alhambra Elote**
Recipe from an AZ operator!
- Black-Eyed Pea & Corn Stew**

Whole Food Profiles

Learn the basics to start cooking with these nutritious, whole foods!

Yellow Corn

Yellow corn is high in carbohydrates and packed with fiber, vitamins, and minerals. It's also relatively low in protein and fat. The average ear of yellow corn contains 800 kernels in 16 rows covered by pale-colored silks and a robust, green husk.

How to Select and Store:

Fresh - Selection

HEAVY WEIGHT FIRM KERNELS BRIGHT HUSK

Select yellow corn with bright green husks. Avoid tassels that are discolored and sticky, they should be pale and dry. The freshest yellow corn contains plump, firm, golden, and whole kernels.

The ear of corn should be heavy, meaning the kernels are rotund and have retained moisture.

Fresh - Storage

REFRIGERATOR CRISPER AT 45-55 DEGREES F.

Yellow corn in the husk is best stored in the crisper drawer in the fridge. If shelled, corn can be held in an airtight container in the fridge for 3-5 days.

When shelled and frozen, corn can last in a sealed, airtight container for up to 8-12 months.

Tips for Preparing and Cooking:

Preparation

Prepare yellow corn by carefully removing the husks and silks and wash thoroughly. The kernels can be removed and prepared separately or the whole ear may be prepared for consumption.

Try yellow corn...

Boiled
Try yellow corn boiled until the kernels are bright yellow, crisp, and tender - about four to five minutes. Add salt, pepper, and a square of butter.

Grilled
Test out yellow corn husked, brushed with olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper, and grilled on medium heat. Cook until golden with a slight char and enjoy!

Milled
An easy way to use yellow corn in dessert recipes is to dry and grind it into cornmeal. It can be used in a crisp, cupcakes, muffins, and more!

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Did you know? Corn is grown on every continent except Antarctica. More than 90 million acres on earth are dedicated to producing corn!

Quiz Time

True or False. Medicaid matches supersede SNAP, FDPIR, and other direct certification matches.

A True.

B False.



Quiz Time

True or False. Medicaid matches supersede SNAP, FDPIR, and other direct certification matches.

A True.

B False.

SNAP, TANF, FDPIR & other direct certification matches always supersede Medicaid matches for reporting purposes.

Only identify a student as a Medicaid match if the child does not match with SNAP, TANF, FDPIR or other programs.



Section 3

Last Month's
Training
Opportunities



Training Opportunities

EVENTS OFFERED IN JUNE

To access webinar slides and recordings, visit HNS' webpage or refer to the HNS Communications Event Follow-up email.



[June Staying on Track](#)



[upLIFT: Go Local with the Summer Farm Fresh Challenge!](#)

ONLINE COURSES RELEASED IN JUNE

Visit HNS' online training library or refer to HNS Communications to access new trainings.



[What to Expect: NSLP Administrative Review for SY 23-24](#)

Section 4

Upcoming
Deadlines &
Communications



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Notes:



Training/Professional Developments



Deadlines/Reminders



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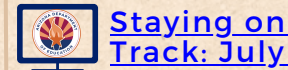
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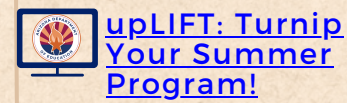
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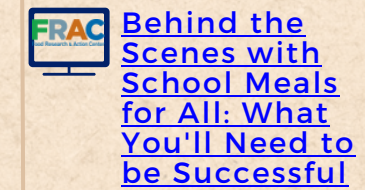
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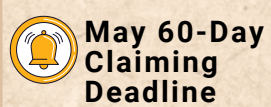
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In Our Drafts

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING EMAILS THIS MONTH:

- Summer Farm Fresh Challenge Participation Survey
- SY 23-24 Kickoff
- DC-M Enhancements to the CNPDC System
- Local Food for Schools funding campaign
- Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards for School Food Authorities (SFA)



July Checklist

July 1 - July 10

Submit June reimbursement claims (best practice)

July 30

May 60-day claiming deadline

No Sooner than July 1

- Send out Public Media Release.
- Conduct first direct certification through CNP Direct Certification, send notification letters and update BID.
- Distribute household applications with parent letter to only those students who are not directly certified.
- Begin processing household applications with Income Eligibility Guidelines for SY 23-24, create BID and send notification letters.
- Send a request to the local health department for 2 food safety inspections to be conducted at all operating sites during the school year.
- Confirm delivery site, contact information, food service director, program contact and billing contact in myFOODS.

This Month...

Submit SY23-24 CNP Web Site and Sponsor Applications

Prior to School Starting

- Provide outreach to households for SBP at the beginning of school and at least once again during the school year (required only if operating SBP).
- Print SY 23-24 Training Curriculum & Brochure and create Professional Standards plans for all School Nutrition Program Staff, including mandatory Civil Rights training.
- Post point of service (POS) meal signage.
- Train Offer vs. Serve (OVS) to all staff, if applicable.
- Review proper procedures for all procurement methods (micro, small and formal) before making purchases.

After the First Day of School

- Complete Production Records daily.
- Count meals at POS and complete Daily Edit Checks.



Join Us Next Month!

Staying On Track: August

August 8, 2023

1:30-2:30 pm

We will be reviewing HNS Communications and policy memorandums released in the month of July, and key tasks, deadlines, and action items for the month of August.

Thank you!

PLEASE PUT QUESTIONS IN THE Q&A

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Staying on Track: July 2023**

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Training Title:
July Staying on Track

Key Area: 1000 – Nutrition, 3000 –
Administration

Learning Code: 1170, 3120, 3220,
3350, 3360

Length: 1 hour

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