



Staying on Track: Questions & Answers

Answers to the questions asked in HNS' July 2025 Staying on Track webinar.

Please note, operators are responsible for remaining up-to-date on program guidance/regulations. The following answers reflect the information available at the time of the live webinar and may be subject to change.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Can operators use the additional DoD Fresh Funds allocated in the SFSP DOD account until funds are exhausted - even if they are used for produce once the school year starts? Or, should those funds be used only exclusive to summer meals.

A: DoD Fresh funds in the SFSP account should be used for summer meals. For SFAs currently operating SFSP, additional funds are available right now by selecting the Summer Budget. FFAVORS funds will be available for SFSP until September 30th or until funds are used, whichever comes first. FFAVORS funds for SY26 NSLP are available for use beginning July 1st. For assistance, please email USDAFoods@azed.gov.

Q: Where is guidance regarding going back to charging students for a reduced-price lunch?

A: Fortunately, the Arizona legislature appropriated one-time funding to reduce or eliminate copayments that would otherwise be charged to children eligible for reduced-price meals for School Year 2025-26. For more guidance, please review the memorandum [HNS 07-2025: State-funded Reimbursement for Reduced-Price Meals in School Year 2025-2026](#).

Q: Will viewers receive a copy of the presentation?

A: Yes. A copy of the slides and recording of all HNS webinars are emailed to attendees after the live event.