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**TO:** Child and Adult Care Food Program Participating Institutions

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**DATE:** August 2026

**SUBJECT:** MEMO #27-01 – Reimbursement Payment Rates - Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

This notice announces the annual adjustments to the national average payment rates for CACFP meals and supplements served in child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, emergency shelters, and adult day care centers. The Lunch and Supper meal type reimbursement payment rate does not include the cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods rate, which sponsors receive as additional assistance for each lunch and supper meal served to participants.

**The payment rates for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, are:**

| <i>Effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027</i><br><b>CACFP Reimbursement Rates</b><br><b>For Meals Served in Centers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |                |               |
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| <b>MEAL TYPE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>FREE</b>   | <b>REDUCED</b> | <b>PAID</b>   |
| <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>\$2.54</b> | <b>\$2.24</b>  | <b>\$0.42</b> |
| <b>Lunch or Supper<sup>1</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>\$4.76</b> | <b>\$4.36</b>  | <b>\$0.45</b> |
| <b>Snack</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>\$1.30</b> | <b>\$0.65</b>  | <b>\$0.12</b> |
| <small><sup>1</sup>These rates do not include the value of USDA Foods or cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. A notice announcing the value of USDA Foods and cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods is published separately in the Federal Register.</small> |               |                |               |
| <small><sup>*</sup>LUNCH and SUPPER payment rate does not include the USDA Cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods rate of \$0.32 cents per meal.</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |                |               |
| <small>REMINDER: Meal Counts must be taken at the point of each meal service and recorded on the Required Meal Count Form provided by the Child and Adult Care Food Program office.</small>                                                                                                                                                                    |               |                |               |

Reimbursement Payment Rates can also be viewed at the Rates Notice posted on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/reimbursement-rates>

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