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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Participating Institutions

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DATE: August 2025

SUBJECT: MEMO #26-01 – Reimbursement Payment Rates - Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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, 2025, through June 30, 2026, are:

<i>Effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026</i> CACFP Reimbursement Rates For Meals Served in Centers			
MEAL TYPE	FREE	REDUCED	PAID
Breakfast	\$2.46	\$2.16	\$0.40
Lunch or Supper¹	\$4.60	\$4.20	\$0.44
Snack	\$1.26	\$0.63	\$0.11
¹These 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.			
[*]LUNCH and SUPPER payment rate does not include the USDA Cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods rate of 30.50 cents per meal.			
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.			

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>

Please contact our office at (609) 984-1250 for additional information.