

Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U. S Department of Agriculture

Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during COVID-19 Outbreaks Request to Allow Flexibility with 60-day Claim Submission Deadlines in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) during COVID-19

Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provide flexibility to Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors in good standing, and allow sponsors to submit claims for reimbursement for allowable CACFP meals beyond the 60-day deadline, without having to use the one-time exception due to circumstances created by COVID-19.

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Under normal circumstances, meals served in the CACFP must be claimed within 60 days of the end of the full month of CACFP meal service, as defined in regulation 7 CFR 226.10(e). Sponsors that do not meet this deadline must use a one-time exception for late claims.

However, during the current public health emergency due to COVID-19, limited access to buildings, reduced staffing, and safety concerns may make it impossible for CACFP sponsors to submit claims in a timely manner. To address this issue, the CSDE has requested an extension of the federal 60-day claims deadline for CACFP claims.

This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement16_Waiver_60DayClaimsDeadline_CACFP.pdf. For more information, visit the CSDE's [Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreaks](#) section of the CSDE's Child Nutrition Programs webpage.



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