

# 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

### Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval in the Summer Food Service Program

#### Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to reimburse Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors in good standing for meals served prior to receiving written approval from the CSDE. This waiver will be in effect July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021.

#### Waiver Request

The SFSP regulations do not allow payment of reimbursements for meals served at a site before the sponsor has received written notification that the site has been approved for participation in the SFSP. As SFSP sponsors transition from operating during the school year to operating in the summer months, they need to remain nimble and able to pivot quickly in order to maintain service delivery. Additionally, many SFSP sponsors have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and will experience additional hardships if they are not able to claim reimbursements for meals served prior to receiving written notification.

Therefore, the CSDE requests a waiver of the USDA regulations 7 CFR 225.9(d) for the period of July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021, to reimburse SFSP sponsors in good standing for meals served prior to receiving written approval.



This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public\\_Announcement27\\_Waiver\\_Reimbursement\\_Meals\\_Served\\_Prior\\_to\\_Notification\\_of\\_SFSP\\_Approval.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement27_Waiver_Reimbursement_Meals_Served_Prior_to_Notification_of_SFSP_Approval.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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