

# Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policies and Procedures for Claims Against SFSP Sponsors

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The CSDE shall disallow any portion of a claim for reimbursement and recover any payment to a sponsor not properly payable under 7 CFR 225, except for overpayments that may be disregarded under [7 CFR 225.10\(c\)](#). The CSDE may consider claims for reimbursement not properly payable if a sponsor's records do not justify all costs and meals claimed.

### Collection Procedure

The CSDE shall notify the sponsor of the reasons for any disallowance or demand for repayment. The collection procedure for unearned payments includes the steps indicated below.

1. The CSDE sends a written demand to the sponsor by certified mail, return receipt requested, for the return of improper payments.
2. If after 30 calendar days the sponsor fails to remit full payment or agree to a satisfactory repayment schedule, the CSDE sends a second written demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, for the return of improper payments.
3. If after 60 calendar days following the original written demand, the sponsor fails to remit full payment or agree to a satisfactory repayment schedule, the CSDE sends a third written demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, for the return of the improper payments.
4. If after 90 days following the original written demand, the sponsor fails to remit full payment or agree to a satisfactory repayment schedule, the CSDE shall refer the claim against the sponsor to the appropriate state or federal authorities for pursuit of legal remedies.

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For information on the SFSP, visit the CSDE's [SFSP webpage](#) or contact the [Summer Meals staff](#) at the CSDE's Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SFSP/Policies\\_SFSP\\_Claims\\_Against\\_Sponsors.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SFSP/Policies_SFSP_Claims_Against_Sponsors.pdf).

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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