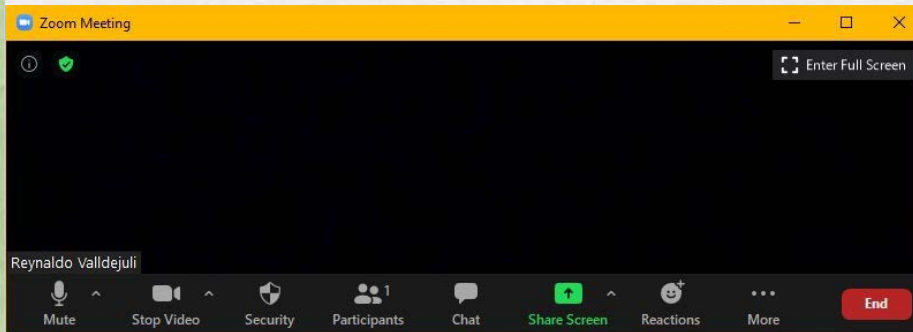


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**Nutrition Support Monthly
Call
April 2023**

Agenda

- What's New in Memos and Resources
- Other Departmental Updates
- Summer 2023
- Legislative Updates
- Local SFA Features
- Important Due Dates
- Online Applications and Claims
- Procurement and FSMC Allowable Costs























What's New




What's New in Memos and Resources?



-  SFS-23-065 Celebrate National Nutrition Month and National School Breakfast Week March 2023.pdf
-  SFS-23-066 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 Effect on CNP.pdf
-  SFS-23-067 Celebrate National School Breakfast Week with Team Nutrition.pdf
-  SFS-23-068 CANCELLED-Nutrition Support Office Hours for March.pdf
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-  SFS-23-071 Free or Low-Cost Internet Services to Households with Kids at CEP Schools.pdf
-  SFS-23-072 CEP Annual Notification and Publication Requirements and SY 23-24 Election Deadline.pdf

-  SFS-23-073 Updated Title 1 Guidance for Making Within District Allocations.pdf
-  SFS-23-074 SFSP New Rules and Noncongregate Feeding.pdf
-  SFS-23-075 Unique Entity Identifier Transition.pdf
-  SFS-23-076 SFSP Training for All Sponsors (New and Returning).pdf
-  SFS-23-077 Forthcoming Proposed Rule Webinars for SA and SFAs-CEP- Increasing Options for Schools.pdf
-  SFS-23-078 Request For Applications Now Open for FY 2023 Team Nutrition Grant.pdf
-  SFS-23-079 New Trays in Team Nutrition's School Meals Trays, Many Ways Collection!.pdf
-  SFS-23-080 CEP Deadline Reminders.pdf
-  SFS-23-081 Deadline to submit SY 2023-24 FSMC Contract to SA.pdf
-  SFS-23-082 Rescheduling of SY 2022-23 Administrative Reviews.pdf



SFS 23-66 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs

SP 06-2023, CACFP 05-2023, SFSP 02-2023

- Crediting of Starchy Vegetables
- Prohibition of the Use of Chicken from China
- Compliance with Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Requirements
- Renaming of the Farm to School Program
- Establishment of a Noncongregate Meal Service Option in the SFSP
- Establishment of a Permanent Summer EBT Program
- Changes to Pandemic EBT



SFS 23-69 Guidance on Performance Standards, Budgets, and Management Plans in the Summer Food Service Program

(1) This memo addresses performance standards, budgets, and management plans in the Summer Food Service Program. (2) This memorandum applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the Summer Food Service Program. (3) This document relates to 7 CFR Part 225.



SFS 23-70 DGA Proposed Rule

On February 7, 2023, the Proposed Rule Child Nutrition Programs: Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans was released by USDA's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

FNS has released a resource, [Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 DGAs – Proposed Rule – CACFP & SFSP Impact](#), to assist community meal program operators in identifying the provisions in the proposed rule that could impact CACFP and/or SFSP.


As a reminder, written comments on the [proposed rule](#) should be received on or before April 10, 2023.



SFS 23-71 Free or Low-Cost Internet Services Available to All Households with Kids at Schools Participating in the Community Eligibility Provision

SP-08-2023

This guidance applies to State agencies and school food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program (2) This guidance provides a reminder of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Households can learn more and apply for the ACP at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).



SFS 23-72 Community Eligibility Provision: Statutory Annual Notification and Publication Requirements and School Year 2023-2024 Election Deadline

SP 09-2023 This guidance applies to State agencies and school food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program (2) This guidance provides a reminder of the annual Community Eligibility Provision notification and publication requirements and election deadline.

- April 15 Notification and Data Collection
- LEA-Level Data
- School-Level Data
- May 1 Publication
- June 30 Elections



SFS 23-73 Updated Title I Guidance for Making Within District Allocations

SP 10-2023

This guidance applies to State agencies and school food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program (2) This guidance provides clarification on requirements for making within-district Title I allocations

SFS 23-74

Streamlining Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Final Rule & Implementing Non-Congregate Feeding Webinar
Please watch or re-watch the recording on www.louisianafitkids.com

SFS 23-75

SP 07-2023; CACFP 06-2023; SFSP 04-2023

Unique Entity Identifier Transition

In April 2022 Federal agencies transitioned from use of the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Child Nutrition Program Operators are required to have the UEI to receive payments from State agencies who administer the Child Nutrition programs on behalf of the Federal government. This memorandum provides answers to questions related to the transition.

SFS 23-76

The Summer Food Service Program training for new and returning sponsors was hosted on Tuesday, March 28.

If you missed the event, please go to www.louisianafitkids.com to watch the presentation.



SFS 23-77 Announcing Forthcoming Proposed Rule and State Agency and SFA Webinars: Child Nutrition Programs: Community Eligibility Provision – Increasing Options for Schools

- Proposed rule to decrease the CEP eligibility from 40% ISP to 25% ISP.
- No proposed change to the 1.6 multiplier.


- A Webinar for school food authorities was held on: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 3:00 PM EST.



SFS 23-78 Request for Applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 Team Nutrition Grant Supporting Nutrition Education for School-Aged Children

The FY 2023 Team Nutrition Grant funds will support grant activities that focus on four objectives:

- Increasing the consumption of nutritious foods and beverages offered through the NSLP and CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and OSHCC via high-quality MyPlate nutrition education.
- Increasing awareness of the MyPlate symbol and accompanying MyPlate nutrition education tools, resources, and messages. Increase awareness of the nutritional contributions of meals and snacks offered to students from parents/caregivers, school coaches and athletic trainers, school nurses, afterschool program operators, and Pre-K through 12 teachers.
- Improving equity by increasing the number of students from historically underserved and marginalized populations who are reached by nutrition education resources, including resources and recipes that are culturally appropriate and/or in the preferred language of the students and their families.
- Increasing school community engagement in the development, implementation, and assessment of Local School Wellness Policies.



SFS 23-79 New Trays in Team Nutrition's School Meals Trays, Many Ways Collection!

Team Nutrition is excited to add 10 new photographs of school meals trays to this collection. All meals photographed were offered to high school students in School Year 2022-2023 and meet the Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium for School Year 2022- 2023. The new meals photographed include:

- Vegetarian Lunch Options
- Local Agricultural Products for Lunch
- USDA Foods
- Breakfast Trays
- [School Meals Trays, Many Ways](#)

SFS 23-80 CEP Reminders

Deadlines/Reminders

CEP Requirement	Deadline
Data Used to Calculate ISP	As of April 1, 2023
LEA Notification	April 15, 2023
State Agency Notification	April 15, 2023
State Agency Publication	May 1, 2023
Elect CEP for Following SY	June 30, 2023

CEP Population and Elections

- There will be a hard deadline for Population Data of April 15, 2023.
- Population data is reported as of April 1, 2023
- Data must be “refreshed” on the population tab prior to submission

- Please begin working on your data NOW
- First year of Medicaid Demonstration Project
- Ensure all direct matches are entered
- Ensure all extended matches are made
- Ensure every active school is in your Population Data tab

Identify Additional Students

1. February Medicaid Free and Medicaid Reduced (expected to be available around March 13 -20)
2. March SNAP, TANF, Medicaid Free and Medicaid Reduced (expected to be available April 1-5 – SNAP/TANF; April 15-22 Medicaid)

Please note that the Medicaid Reduced will not be included in the CEP counts.

CEP Population and Elections

**You will NOT be allowed to make changes to
Population Data after April 15, 2023.**

The data is as-of April 1, 2023.

CEP Definitions

- Renew: this means you are starting a new 4-year cycle
- Continue: this means you are continuing your current base year (moving into the next year of your cycle)
- Base Year: the first SY the CEP data is used
- Grace Year: this is a terrible term. A grace year means you ended your 4 year cycle and no longer qualify for CEP (under 40%). A grace year allows you to continue offering free meals to all students at that very low claiming percentage.
- ISP: The number of identified students divided by the enrollment (x100)
- Claiming percentage: your ISP times the multiplier of 1.6.

Please note that qualifying for CEP does not qualify your SFA for 100% free claiming!

SFS 23-81 Deadline for the State Agency to receive FSMC contracts for the 2023-24 School Year

The deadline for SFAs to provide the State Agency with new FSMC contracts and renewals for the 2023- 24 school year is June 1, 2023.

The SFA cannot claim meals for reimbursement served by a Food Service Management Company until the contract is approved. As a result, meals cannot be claimed for any dates prior to the contract approval date. Please check the ending date of your FSMC contract as there are several SFAs that are required to rebid their contract for the 2023-24 school year.

In addition, the SFA will not be approved for participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as of July 1, 2023 without the State Agency having received and approved the FSMC contract.

The documents needed are available on the CNP website.



SFS 23-81 Rescheduling of School Year 2022-2023

Administrative Reviews

- Waiver submitted to USDA on 2/2/23
- Waiver to reschedule remaining reviews in SY 23-24.
- Approval on 3/23/23



Other Departmental Updates

Weekly emails

Due to staff shortages, we have been unable to continue the weekly email updates in 2023.

If you have any questions, please reach out to childnutritionprograms@la.gov or call 225-342-9661.

If you reach out and don't receive a response within 24 hours, please contact the information provided above.

SFS-23-034: 2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for SFAs
Application Period Closed January 31, 2023

Open Application Period Closed: January 31, 2023

- SFAs were eligible to apply for up to \$24,000 per piece of equipment and per eligible site
- Target date for awards notification was February 24, 2023. However, target date has been extended as we await guidance from USDA.



Summer 2023



No Kid Hungry Louisiana Grant Opportunity

No Kid Hungry Louisiana has funds available for school districts and community-based organizations (CBOs) to maximize child nutrition programs to ensure children have access to nutritious food at school and in their community.

These flexible grants will allow school districts and CBOs to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide meals and resources to kids and families. Funds will be prioritized to support:

Applications with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity

Applicants operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in rural communities and wish to serve non-congregate feeding models.

The deadline to fill out the Inquiry Form to be considered for grant funds is **Wednesday, March 22.**

[Fill out the Inquiry Form Now!](#)



Legislative Updates



Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP: Webinar Recording

- The recording of the September 21, 2022, Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Final Rule webinar is now available for all Child Nutrition Program operators.
- The PowerPoint slide deck from the webinar is also available. Both links can be [found on the FNS website at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/streamlining-summer.](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/streamlining-summer)



Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (H.R. 2617) was signed by the President and became law. This omnibus bill (sometimes simply referred to as omnibus or omni) funds the government for the remainder of FY 23.

Policy Changes:

- Permanently allowing non-congregate summer meal service in specific situations,
- Establishing a permanent, nationwide Summer EBT benefits, and
- Addressing stolen or “skimmed” SNAP benefits



Non-Congregate Summer Feeding

Based on this legislation, the following supports will be available:

For Summer 2023:

- Pandemic EBT remains available in states that have approved plans
 - The benefit level has been lowered to \$120 max total for the summer
- Non-congregate summer meals will be an option in rural areas without congregate sites using guidelines and models that USDA developed for earlier demonstration projects like Meals to You.
 - States must submit a plan by April 1



Non-Congregate Summer Feeding

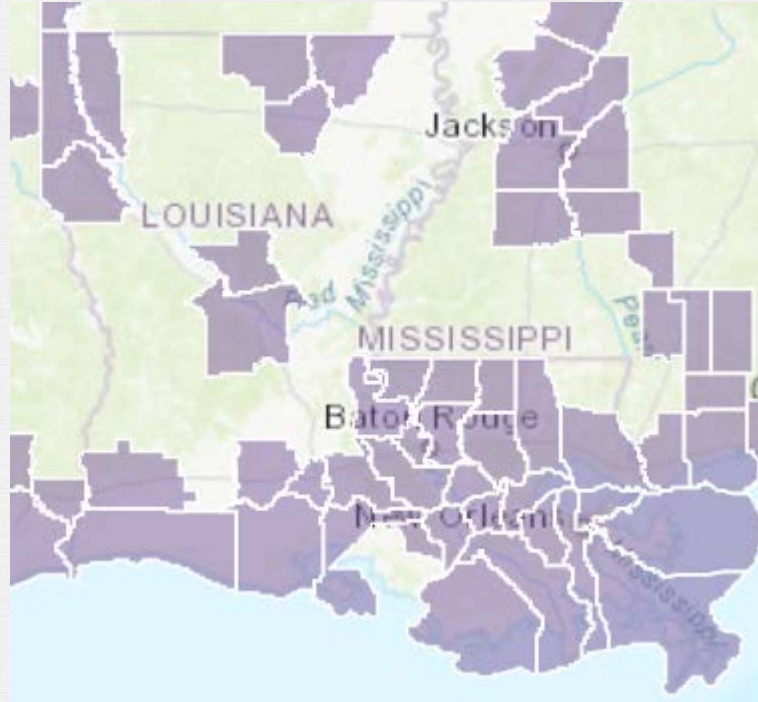
Based on this legislation, the following supports will be available:

For Summer 2024 and beyond:

- Summer EBT will be available nationwide to all children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on regulations to be issued by USDA sometime in 2023.
- Non-congregate summer meals will be an option in rural areas without congregate sites available based on regulations to be issued by USDA sometime in 2023.

Rural Locations

USDA Rural Designation Map



SFS-23-035 Annual Adjustments to Reimbursement Rates

- The annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children for calendar year 2023 have been released.
- The new rates reflect an increase in the SFSP reimbursement according to changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.
- [The notice is published in the Federal Register at: Click here for Federal Register: Summer Food Service Program 2023 Reimbursement Rates or access the pdf at 2023-00002.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)
- The USDA FNS public website also provides these links at [USDA.gov](#) under [Summer Food Service Program - 2023 Reimbursement Rates | Food and Nutrition Service](#)

Expiration of the Public Health Emergency

<http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov/DNAMemos/SFS/memos/2023/SFS-23-059%20Child%20Nutrition%20Memos%20Related%20to%20the%20Public%20Health%20Emergency.pdf>

Expiration of off-site monitoring when the PHE ends

1. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION 3
2. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION
3. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 3

Reimbursement Rates

We also anticipate that reimbursement rates for 2023-2024 will return to the pre-pandemic rates with the expected annual adjustments only.

SP 02-2023 Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in School Year (SY) 2023-2024

- This guidance applies to State agencies and school food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program in SY 2023-2024; and
- Provides clarification on how to determine eligibility for the severe need reimbursement rates for the School Breakfast Program and the two cent differential reimbursement in the National School Lunch Program in SY 2023-2024.
- Schools are eligible for the severe need breakfast reimbursement rates if 40 percent or more of NSLP lunches served to students at school during the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate (42 U.S.C. 1773(d) and 7 CFR 220.9(d)). School food authorities (SFAs) are eligible for the two cent differential reimbursement for lunches if 60 percent or more of the NSLP lunches served in the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate (42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(2)).

Moving Forward: Guidance for SY 2023-2024

- If a school claimed meals under NSLP for each month from October 2021 through April 2022, the State agency will determine that the school operated the NSLP for all of the 2021-2022 School Year.
- Otherwise, the State agency must use the guidance in upcoming slides for schools that operated SSO in place of NSLP under the Nationwide Waiver, during the 2021-2022 School Year.

Severe Need Breakfast Reimbursement

- State agencies must use data from at least three claims in SY 2022-2023 to establish eligibility for severe need reimbursement in SY 2023-2024.
- As a reminder, even if a school is participating in the CEP as part of a group, the school's eligibility for severe need breakfast reimbursement must be based on school's individual ISP.
- Applying this guidance to SY 2023-2024:
- If a CEP school operated NSLP in SY 2021-2022, State agencies must use the school's individual ISP from SY 2021-2022 for the severe need determination in SY 2023-2024. o
- If a CEP school operated SSO through the Nationwide Waiver during SY 2021-2022, State agencies must use the school's individual ISP from SY 2022-2023 for the severe need determination in SY 2023-2024.
- For schools that are new in SY 2023-2024 or which do not have at least three months of [claims from SY 2022-2023](#), State agencies may follow [Eligibility for Severe Need Rates for the School Breakfast Program | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#).

Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for Lunch

- SFAs that operated the NSLP in all of their schools during SY 2021-2022 have second prior year data available to determine eligibility for the two cent differential reimbursement for SY 2023-2024.
- Therefore, for these SFAs, State agencies must use the percentage of lunches served free or at the reduced price during SY 2021-2022 to determine eligibility for the two cent differential reimbursement for SY 2023-2024.
- For SFAs with one or more sites that operated SSO under the Nationwide Waiver during SY 2021- 2022, State agencies must use data from at least three claims in SY 2022-2023 to establish eligibility for the two cent differential in SY 2023-2024.
- For SFAs that are new to the NSLP in SY 2023-2024 or which do not have at least three months of claims from SY 2022-2023, State agencies may follow [Determining Eligibility for Two Cent Differential Reimbursement in New Schools | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#).

SFS-23-044 Louisiana Team Nutrition Culinary Training Registration is Open

- The Louisiana Team Nutrition Festival of Flavors Project, is hosting four Culinary Trainings.
- The trainings will be held in: Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Monroe and Alexandria in February and March.
- Visit the calendar on the <https://www.louisianafitkids.com> to register
- Contact Cathy Carmichael at catherine.carmichael@pbrc.edu or 225-763-2799 with questions.
 - [March 14th Monroe](#)
 - [March 16th Alexandria](#)

SFS 23-054 Income Eligibility Guidelines

This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.

Federal Register Link: Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines: [CLICK HERE](#) for Federal Register SY 23-24 Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines

FNS website link: [CLICK HERE](#) for FNS Child Nutrition Programs SY 23-24 Income Eligibility Guidelines

April 2023 Trainings

Tuesday, April 4: CNP Monthly Call

Wednesday, April 5: Office Hours

Thursday, April 6: Seamless Summer Option

Tuesday, April 11: SFSP Meal Pattern and Food Buying Guide

Thursday, April 13: SFSP Procurement 101

Tuesday, April 18: SFSP Procurement Plan

Thursday, April 20: CEP Elections

Tuesday, April 25: SFSP Civil Rights

Thursday, April 27: Hurricane Preparedness



Local School Events



National School Breakfast Week at EBR



Central Community Schools Culinary Contest



Central Community School System
Child Nutrition Program
Invites You To The

Inaugural ProStart Culinary Cook-Off

March 10, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
Central High Commons Area

RSVP to April Kurtz by March 3rd
650-2919 or akurtz@centralcss.org





Important Due Dates for April 2023

Important Due Dates: April 2023

- Submit your March claims for reimbursement
- Submit site Health Inspections on the CNP website
- Submit meal denials in the CNP website
- Direct Match preparation for CEP Population Data due in April

Monitoring: SBP, NSLP, ASP, FSMC

- ✓ SBP and NSLP Monitoring: Due Prior to February 1st
 - ❖ [School Food Authority On-Site Review Checklist](#)

- ✓ After-School Snack Program Monitoring: Due in the 1st Four Weeks of the Program:
 - ❖ [After-School Snack Program Monitoring Form](#)

- ✓ FSMC Monitoring Form for SFAs: Twice per Year:
 - ❖ [After-School Snack Program Monitoring Form](#)

cnp.doe.Louisiana.gov/DNAMemos/Forms.asp



School Outreach Requirement for Summer

- USDA regulations require all SFAs and Sponsors participating in Child Nutrition Programs to promote SFSP programs operating in the area when school is closed.
- Ideas for promoting other SFSP programs in your district include: robo-calls, emails, or text messages with links to sign-ups and information posted directly to district websites and newsletters

SFSP Racial Ethnic Data Form

- The requirement to end the practice of visual identification was effective as of May 17, 2021.
- By January 1, 2023, program operators must have alternative means to capture the data.
- Adult participants and parents and guardians **may be asked** to identify the racial or ethnic group of the participant only after it has been explained, and they understand, that providing the information is to ensure compliance with USDA nondiscrimination requirements only and that failure to report the information will not impact the participant's eligibility for meals.

Racial Ethnic Data Form

- FNS discourages asking a child to self-identify their race and ethnicity, as this practice may be confusing to young children.
- However, FNS understands that requesting information verbally may be uncomfortable for staff and for participants. Respect for individual dignity should guide the processes and methods for collecting data on race and ethnicity; ideally, respondent self-identification should be facilitated to the greatest extent possible.

Racial Ethnic Data Form

- State agencies and program operators may wish to consider the following to collect data:
 - Use individual school enrollment data to obtain racial and ethnic data for individual children.
 - SFSP sites that are able to obtain children's names and have access to school enrollment records may use them to obtain racial and ethnic data (SFAs only)

Racial Ethnic Data Form

- Providing racial and ethnic data is voluntary to program participants. If A program operator is unable to collect a participant's information, their response may be marked "unknown." For that reason, FNS does not expect that the number of respondents will equal the number of children at a meal service site.
- However, FNS does expect program operators to continue to try to capture the data.
- Additional Resources: FNS Instruction 113-1 Part XII in addition to the previously referenced Policy memos [CACFP 11-2021](#), [SFSP 07-2021](#) and [Policy Memo: CACFP 09-2022, SFSP 05-2022](#) with [Questions and Answers](#).



Online Applications and Claim Submission for SY 2022-2023

60 Calendar Day Deadline for Claim Submission and Keeping CNP Online Application Data Up to Date

- The 60 calendar day deadline for submitting claims still applies.
- A one time exception is allowed only once every 36 months (3 years)
- Update and make corrections to the CNP Online Application whenever changes occur / as needed



Support

Support Toolboxes

- [Data Manager Toolbox](#)

Helpful Links

- [PEBT website](#)
- [Parent Portal / LA CAFÉ login](#)

Contacts

- Support Response: DCFS.PEBTSupport@la.gov
- DCFS Helpdesk for Parents: 1-888-524-3578 or 1-888-LAHELPU
- EBT Card Center Helpdesk: 1-888-997-1117





Supply Chain Assistance Funds: Third Allocation

SFS-23-022 News from USDA FNS PartnerWeb: Supply Chain Assistance Webinar Recording

- The recording of the September 26 Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division webinar: Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities is available for all School Food Authorities and State agency staff.
- [The webinar recording is available: CLICK HERE FOR Supply Chain Assistance \(SCA\) Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities - YouTube](#)

Third Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds

Because the underlying conditions fueling supply chain disruptions and other economic uncertainty remain significant in many parts of the country, FNS provided an additional \$471.5 million in SCA funds

State agencies will distribute this third round of SCA funding to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the same formula used to distribute the first and second rounds of funds.

Much like the Second Allocation of SCA funds, these funds remain limited to the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products.

Supply Chain Assistance Resources

- Please refer to the following resources for more information:
 1. USDA Memo SP 15-02 [Second Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds](#)
 2. [USDA Questions and Answers regarding Supply Chain Assistance Funds](#)
 3. The [slides](#) and [recording](#) from the March 10th SCA training posted on the Louisianafitkids.com website
 4. Register for the February 9th training on Supply Chain Assistance Funds at <https://www.louisianafitkids.com/Meetings/Home/MeetingRegistration>



Procurement and FSMC Allowable Costs

Procurement Updates and Reminders

Procurement Regulations and SFA Procurement Plan for SY 2022-2023

- Please ensure that all state procurement laws and regulations are followed

Small Purchase and Micro-purchase Thresholds

- On May 31, 2022, Governor John Bel Edwards signed House Bill 221 (Act 204) into law.
 - Increases the micro-purchase threshold from **\$10,000 to \$30,000**
 - Increases the small purchase threshold from **\$30,000 to \$60,000**
- Normal purchasing guidelines regarding quotes with small purchases still apply
- Effective date: August 1, 2022

Memo SFS-23-008 Charter Schools Using FSMCs

- Food Service Management Companies: Charges Outside of Allowable Expenses
- CNP Food Service Management Company Contracts are Limited to a Meal Times Rate Contract
- Refer to Section 1 – Scope and Purpose of the Prototype FSMC, Item FF
 - “The charge to the SFA/Sponsor for FSMC’s fee is to be clearly identified in the proposal. Fees imposed by a FSMC outside of this contract may not be paid for with Child Nutrition Funds”.
- Refer to the Proposal Summary and Agreement signed by the FSMC that states:
 - “...The offeror also understands that the FSMC cannot charge any fees other than the meal cost as indicated above for the number of meals served. The FSMC will not charge late fees, charge for meals delivered, etc.”

Health and Safety: Food Vendors/Distributors/Warehousing

Please ensure that your food vendors / distributors / warehouses serving CNP's are required to have a Food and Drug Permit, with a copy of the annual health inspection kept on file with program and procurement documentation.

This will be added to the procurement plan and checklist.

Questions

Contact the
LDOE Division of Nutrition Support at
childnutritionprograms@la.gov or
225-342-9661

