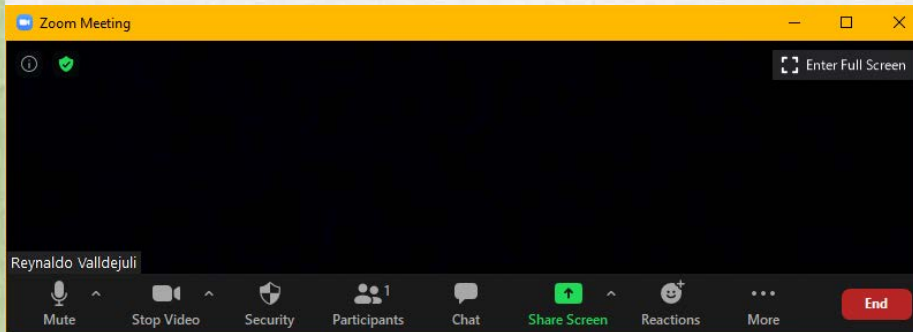


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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.

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**Nutrition Support Monthly
Call
December 6, 2022**

Agenda

- Important Due Dates
- Verification
- 2022 NSLP Equipment Grant
- Administrative Review Cycle
- Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) and Local Level Funding
- School Year 2022-2023 Flexibilities
- Transitional Standards on Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium Final Rule
- Medicaid Demonstration Project
- Training Updates



What's New in Memos and Resources?



-  [SFS-23-010 Mandatory USDA Supply Chain Survey.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-011 Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures Using CNP Funds.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-012 November Trainings.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-013 New updates to the FBG for CNPs Interactive Web-based Tool and Mobile App.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-014 October SNAP and TANF Loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-015 Webinar Recording Now Available- Back to School Success with Team Nutrition's Menu Planning Tools and Resources.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-016 Medicaid Direct Match Overview and Office Hours.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-017 2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant for SFAs.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-018 October 2022 Medicaid Free Lunch and Medicaid Reduced Lunch loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-019 December Trainings.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-020 Medicaid Direct Match and December Office Hours.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-021 Now Available! FY 2023 Farm to School Grant Informational Webinars.pdf](#)
-  [SFS-23-022 USDA FNS Supply Chain Assistance Webinar Recording Available.pdf](#)

USDA Overview and Q&A Medicaid Direct Certification:

- USDA's Joseph Templin is providing an overview and Q&A session on the Medicaid Demonstration Project and Direct Certification Process
- **Join us during Nutrition Support Office Hours**
 - **Tomorrow! Wednesday, December 7, 2022**
 - **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM CST**
- Register online through [Louisianafitkids.com](https://louisianafitkids.com)
- For Zoom link issues, join directly by using the path below:
- <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96829143502?pwd=clU4dW8wT2UzYkdadDhhZ3BoMStqQT09>

Memo SFS-23-019

December 2022 Virtual Training Schedule

- **Tomorrow! USDA presents Medicaid Direct Certification and the Medicaid Demonstration Project** : This session and Q&A is hosted by Nutrition Support Office Hours: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM
- Verification Summary Form: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM
- Small Procurement and Micro-purchases: Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Register online today at Louisianafitkids.com!

2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for SFAs

- A total of **\$1,383,009** has been awarded by FNS to Louisiana for administration and distribution to eligible SFAs through competitive award as part of the 2022 NSLP Equipment Grants for SFAs
- Initial funding was through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022
- Additional funding was later awarded to Louisiana through the American Rescue Plan Act
- **Open Application Period: December 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023**
- SFAs participating in the NSLP are eligible to apply for school sites that have NOT received an NSLP Equipment Grant in past years
- SFAs may apply for up to \$24,000 per piece of equipment and per eligible site
- Applications may be submitted online at <http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov>

SFS-23-011 Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures Using CNP Funds

- Examples of Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures are provided in this updated memo.
- Please print this list and review the topics and scenarios by expenditure category.
- Remember that: All expenditures must be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient administration of the food service program and must conform to any limitation or exclusions set forth in program regulations.
- Purchases greater than \$5,000 for Equipment or Capital Expenditures require pre-approval by the State agency. The link to the form for submission to childnutritionprograms@la.gov is below.
- <https://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov/DNAMemos/SFS/Forms/Equipment%20Purchase%20Pre-Approval%20Request%20Form.pdf>

SFS-23-013 New Updates to the Food Buying Guide for CNPs: Interactive Web Based Tool and Interactive Mobile App

- New food yields are available: frozen cherries, frozen cauliflower rice, frozen diced carrots, frozen legumes (black-eyed peas, navy beans, and garbanzo beans), mini sweet peppers, and pearled faro.
- A new feature on the Interactive Web-Based Tool and Mobile App allows Excel file exports for the:
 - Favorites List; and the
 - Compare Items List

eScholar Direct Match Uploads Available: October 2022 SNAP / TANF / Medicaid

- **Memo SFS-23-2014: October SNAP and TANF Loaded to eScholar DirectMatch**
 - LDOE ran the statewide SNAP and TANF matches for all school districts (public and non-public).
 - Districts should resolve any near matches for:
 - SNAP batch #3861
 - TANF batch #3860
- **Memo SFS-23-018: October Medicaid Free Lunch and Medicaid Reduced Lunch Loaded to eScholar DirectMatch**
 - LDOE ran the statewide Medicaid Free Lunch and Medicaid Reduced Lunch matches for all school districts (public and non-public).
 - Districts should resolve any near matches in the batches below:
 - Medicaid Free Lunch batch # 3999
 - Medicaid Reduced Lunch batch # 3982

For assistance, please email
Jayanthi.Sothirajah@la.gov

SFS-23-01 Back to School Success with Team Nutrition's Menu Planning Tools and Resources

- The webinar recording of the August 31st Team Nutrition Webinar is now available online
- Two versions of this webinar recording are available:
 - English captioned: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HCHSorXFMo>
 - Spanish captioned: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SLFOvi_D-g
- This webinar provides hands-on activities to showcase the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) digital resources, Child Nutrition (CN) labels, Product Formulation Statement (PFS), USDA standardized recipes, USDA-approved software, and more.

SFS-23-021 Farm to School Grant Informational Webinars

- The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Farm to School Grant Program request for applications (RFA) is now open! Please see the [FY2023 RFA](#) on [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) for more information and to apply.
- The Community Food Systems Division is pleased to share the FY2023 Farm to School Grant webinars presented on November 8 and November 9, 2022. To view the webinars click on the links below.
- The Community Food Systems Division is pleased to share the FY2023 Farm to School Grant webinars presented on November 8 and November 9, 2022. To view the webinars click on the links below:
 - ["Getting Familiar with the FY2023 Farm to School Grant: An Overview and How to Apply"](#)
 - ["Getting Your Grant Package Together: Developing and Writing a Successful Grant Application"](#)

MyPlate from Team Nutrition

- **Order Discover MyPlate in Print from Team Nutrition Today!**
- Child Nutrition Program operators can order free print materials to help kindergarten students discover MyPlate today.
- [Discover MyPlate: Nutrition Education for Kindergarten](#) is fun and inquiry-based nutrition education that fosters the development of healthy food choices and physically active lifestyles during a critical developmental and learning period for children—kindergarten.
- Ordering links and information is on the next slide

MyPlate Team Nutrition: Kindergarten Print Resources

Order Now, While Supplies Last!

Emergent Reader Mini Books: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Handouts:

- “Welcome to School Lunch” [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- “Meet MyPlate” [Spanish](#)
- “Snack Time” [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- “Be Your Best With Breakfast” [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- “Move, Play, Have Fun!” [Spanish](#)

Look and Cook Recipe Cards: [English and Spanish](#)

Student Workbook: [English](#)

Questions about these resources may be submitted to TeamNutrition@USDA.gov



Important Due Dates for December 2022

Verification

- Verification Summary Report:
 - ✓ November 1, 2022: Verification Report Opens on the CNP Website
 - ✓ November 10, 2022: Verification Summary Form Training
 - ✓ November 15, 2022: Verification Activities Complete
 - ✓ January 10, 2023: Verification Summary and Complete Data Submission Due
- Please refer to [Memo SFS-22-x146 Non-response rates from SY 22 for SY 23](#) for more information regarding the verification method that should be used for your school district.
- SFAs that participate in District-wide CEP are not required to accept applications and/or complete the verification process, but must complete the Verification Summary Form.

WHEN IS VERIFICATION COMPLETE?

1. The household submits adequate written evidence that results in no change in status: **considered complete for this household.**
2. The household submits adequate written evidence which indicates that the children should receive either a greater or lesser level of benefits: **considered complete for this household when the notice of adverse action is sent OR household is notified that its benefits will be increased or decreased.**
3. The household indicates, verbally or in writing, that it no longer wishes to receive free or reduced price benefits: **considered complete when the notice of adverse action is sent.**
4. The application provided case numbers and it is determined that no household member is receiving benefits from an Assistance Program: **considered complete when the notice of adverse action is sent.**

Verification:

New Medicaid Reporting in the Verification Summary Report

- New Information Reporting Requirements
 - Medicaid Free Enrolled Students
 - Medicaid Reduced Enrolled Students
- **December 13, 2022 1:00 PM:** Verification Summary Form Training
- Register at Louisianafitkids.com for detailed instructions on how to complete and submit the verification report, including how to report the new Medicaid free and reduced data

Instructions Overview: Verification Summary Report

Basic Instructions

1. Complete **Step 1**: All **(Required)** Sections must be **Marked as Completed**.
(Note: Any section marked as **(NotRequired)** is not required. Those sections are to be skipped)
2. Complete **Step 2**: Press "**Validate Data**". All **(Required)** Sections in **Step 1** must be **Marked as Completed** before "Validate Data" can be used.
3. Complete **Step 3**: Press "**Click for Submission**". Validation results from **Step 2** must return **No Errors**.
(Note: Applications with just **Warnings** can be submitted).

Step 1: Complete all **(Required)** Verification Sections

1. Section 1 - Total Schools, Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and Enrolled Students **(All SFAs)**
(Required)
Not Completed
2. Section 2 - SFAs with schools operating alternate provisions **(Only SFAs with alternate provisions)**
(Required)
Not Completed
3. Section 3 - Students approved as FREE eligible NOT Subject to verification **(All SFAs)**
(Required)
Not Completed
4. [Section M - Students directly certified with Medicaid](#) **(All SFAs)**
(Required)
Not Completed
5. Section 4 - Students approved as FREE or REDUCED PRICE eligible through a household application **(All SFAs collecting applications)**
(Required)
Not Completed
6. Section 5 - Results of Verification **(All SFAs)**
(Required)
Not Completed



What Will the Medicaid Reporting Section Look Like?

Section M	Students directly certified with Medicaid	M-1: Students directly certified with Medicaid: A. Include students directly certified with Medicaid for FREE meals only. B. Include students directly certified with Medicaid for REDUCED meals only.	A. Number of FREE Students	B. Number of REDUCED Students
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Site Health Inspection Reporting

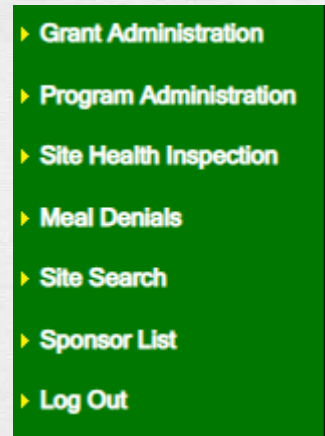
- Online Submission of Health Inspection Dates: Due November 30, 2022
- Written Notification to the Local Sanitarian's Office / LDH



- ▶ Grant Administration
- ▶ Program Administration
- ▶ Site Health Inspection
- ▶ Meal Denials
- ▶ Site Search
- ▶ Sponsor List
- ▶ Log Out

Meal Denials

- Report Meal Denials in the CNP Website prior to the end of December 2022
- Directions Start on Page 65 of the Website User Manual linked below
- <https://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov/cnpdownloads/CNP%20Website%20User%20Manual.pdf>



Monitoring: SBP, NSLP, ASP

- ✓ 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](#)

Meal Charges for Students: Due Before the End of December 2022

- Online Application Accuracy
 - Schedule A Meal Charges: Accuracy Check and Revision if Needed
- State Agency Report due to USDA in January 2023

Important Due Dates: Snapshot of Due Dates for December 2022

DECEMBER 2022		Escholar Direct Match data available-For further information contact your SIS coordinator
	10	November Claim for Reimbursement Due (submitted online - CNP Website - http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov)
		Reminder: Report Site Health Inspections conducted in November in CNP Website To access the Site Health Inspection link: 1. Click the green School Food Service tab in the upper right hand corner 2. Click the Site Health Inspection link located in the green area on the left side of the screen Additional instructions can be found on the CNP Website under SFS Resources --> Louisiana's Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Website -> School Food Service Online Forms and Claim for Reimbursement Manual
		Schedule A Meal Charges: Check Schedule A Reduced and Paid Student Meal Charges as well as At-Cost and Employee Meal Charges. If there are discrepancies as compared to the Point of Service and/or School Board policy, please submit a revision to the Schedule A to reflect the actual meal charges. A meal charge report by SFA will be submitted to USDA based on the meal charges in online applications from December 2022 and it is critical that the numbers are correct.
		Reminder: Report November Meal Denials in CNP website (if applicable) To access the Meal Denial link: 1. Click the green School Food Service tab in the upper right hand corner 2. Click the Meal Denial link located in the green area on the left side of the screen Additional instructions can be found on the CNP Website under SFS Resources --> Louisiana's Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Website -> School Food Service Online Forms and Claim for Reimbursement Manual
		Ongoing NSLP Administrative Monitoring Reviews

Comments on SFS Online Application Revisions

- Sponsor Revision Comments are Now Required for the Schedule A and Other Areas of the SFS Online Application
- Intent: Provide the State Agency with an Overview of Changes and a Justification for the Revisions Submitted
- Advantages:
 - Speeds the State Agency Review and Process for Approving Online Application Revisions
 - Allows the State Agency to Target Areas for Review and Questions to Ensure the Accuracy of Revisions
 - Also Ensures that Changes are Reflective of the Intention of the CNP Supervisor that Made the Revision(s)



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



Administrative Reviews

SY 2022-2023

Administrative Review (AR) Schedule

- SFA's will be notified of rescheduled reviews for those receiving cancellation notices from CN Resource





Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) and Local Level Funding

Summer 2022 P-EBT

- All students in K-12 schools were eligible if they received free or reduced-priced meals and were in school in May 2022.
- Eligible children will receive a total payment of \$391 to cover June and July.
- Benefits were issued beginning in late summer and into the autumn months and will be issued on the same card that was received for the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year.
- For more information about Summer P-EBT eligibility and more Frequently Asked Questions, visit dcfs.louisiana.gov/page/pebt-summer-2021.
- On October 13, 2022, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) officially extended the COVID-19 public health emergency, valid through January 11, 2023.

Summer 2022 P-EBT Benefits

Eligibility Requirements

- Students attended school at least 1 day in May 2022.
- Students whose school they attended in May, participated in CEP in SY 21-22 or qualified for free/reduced price meals under the NSLP/SBP. This includes:
 - Students who received P-EBT benefits during May 2021 including those who graduated.
 - Students who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the NSLP or SBP in SY 21-22 or attended a CEP school in May.
- Children who are determined newly eligible for free or reduced priced meals, including those who submitted free/reduced price lunch applications by COB Friday, July 29, 2022.

P-EBT Fund Expungement

All federal benefits issued (including P-EBT) by DCFS have a 9-month time limit for use. The timer is reset to 9 months each time a purchase is made.

Families were sent letters to inform recipients that they have benefits that will soon expire. If they make a purchase, the timer will be reset. If they don't, any remaining benefits will be lost.

However, the card and the case are still active and any future benefits will be added to their card with the same 9-month time limit.



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

We will continue to hold office hours each Tuesday at 10 am at <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98060200750>



Coming Soon: FY 2022 P-EBT Local Level Funding

In addition to benefits awarded directly to families, USDA has made funding available to all operators of the National School Lunch (NSLP) and National School Breakfast (SBP) responsible for activities related to the FY 2022 State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT).

FY 22 P-EBT are all P-EBT activities that:

- Occurred between October 2021 – September 2022 in conjunction to P-EBT benefits issued for school year 2021-2022 and summer 2022.

LDOE will award a specified dollar amount to all eligible entities based on the number of P-EBT eligible children (same process utilized for FY 21 P-EBT Local Level Funding)

*Eligible program operators will not be required to submit an application to receive the funds



SY 2022-2023 Flexibilities



Flexibilities for SY 2022-2023

Paid Lunch Equity

- Waives the Paid Lunch Equity requirements for SY 2022-2023
- Pertains to the school lunch prices for SY 2022-2023

Carryover Eligibility (NSLP/SBP)

- **Allows schools that operated SSO in SY 2021-2022 to use the most recent free or reduced priced determinations since SY 2019-2020 during the 30-day carryover period of SY 2022-2023.**
- **Effective for the carryover period of SY 2022-2023**

Severe Need Reimbursement Rates for the SBP and the Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for the NSLP in SY 2022-2023 and SY 2023-2024 ([Memo SFS-22-x144](#))

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Transitional Standards on Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium Final Rule

Transitional Meal Pattern Standards

SUMMARY OF CHANGES



MILK

Schools and child care providers may offer flavored, low-fat milk (1%) in addition to unflavored, low-fat milk and flavored or unflavored nonfat milk¹.



SODIUM

The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level, known as Target 1, for school year 2022-2023. For school lunch only, the limit will decrease marginally (10%) in school year 2023-2024 to put schools on an achievable path toward long-term sodium reduction, which will be addressed in future rulemaking.



WHOLE GRAINS

At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast per week must be whole grain-rich (containing at least 50% whole grains).

New! USDA Milk Tip Sheet for CNP Operators

- USDA's Milk Tip Sheet is designed for program operators as a handy and easy-to-use reference on how to credit milk into the meal pattern requirements.

Availability

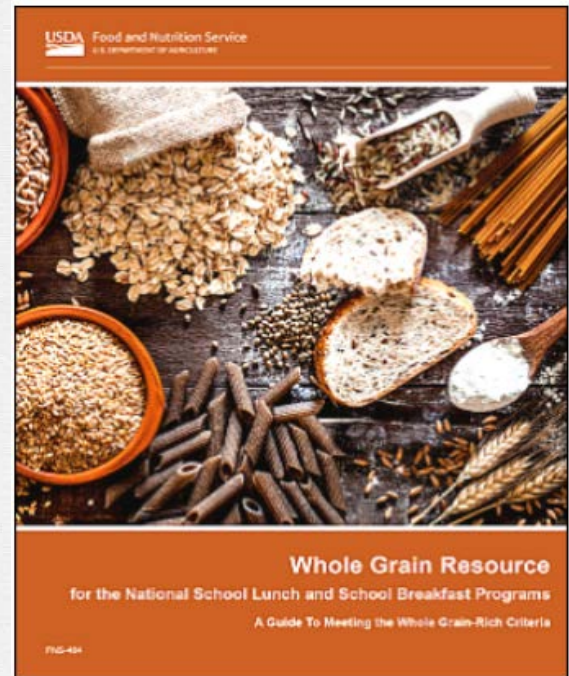
- All are welcome to download these materials and make copies. To download the file, please right-click on the link and “**save link as**”.
- https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/Milk_TipSheet.pdf

References on Transitional Meal Pattern Standards

- See [Memo SFS-22-90](#) and [Memo SFS-22-91](#) for more information on the Transitional Rule.
- The [slides](#) and [video](#) from the Transitional Standard Training are posted on [LA Fit Kids](#)

Whole Grains

- The [Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School](#) has been revised with the 2022 final rule for Child Nutrition Programs for Transitional Meal Standards
- Provides examples of various grain products often served in schools and walks the user through the process of determining whether products are whole grain-rich, creditable as enriched, or not creditable



Buy American Provision: Lettuce Shortage

- Buy American Provisions are required when purchasing fresh and processed agricultural products
- Shortage of domestically grown lettuce: particularly romaine and iceberg lettuce
- If lettuce shortage affects ability to purchase domestically:
 - Distributor or Food Service Management Company must request an exception and received approval from the SFA to use a non-domestic product at least **14 days** in advance of delivery
 - This can be accomplished by submitting a Buy American Certification Form for the domestic product that is not available.
- For more information regarding the Buy American Provision and the lettuce shortage, please refer to [Memo SFS-23-007 Buy American-Lettuce shortage](#).



Medicaid Demonstration Project 2022-2023

Direct Certification with Medicaid

Louisiana is one of eight states selected to participate in a demonstration project to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced-price school meals, that began this school year and continues throughout School Year 2022-2023.

State agencies match school enrollment data with Medicaid eligibility data to identify children who receive Medicaid, or live with a child who receives Medicaid, and whose family income, before expenses and deductions, does not exceed:

- 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for free school meal eligibility; or
- 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for reduced price meal eligibility

Please note: not all children receiving Medicaid will receive free or reduced meals.

Reduced Priced Children Determined Through Medicaid

Due to differences in household definition and income assessments between programs, some children directly certified for reduced-price meals through Medicaid may have been eligible for free meals if the household applied.

The USDA requires that these households receive notice of the income level used and be offered the opportunity to apply if their income, based on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) eligibility policies, is within the limit for free meals (using the NSLP's current income eligibility guidelines).

No Medicaid Direct Certification using Handwritten Case Numbers

Under the Medicaid demonstration, children are not considered to be categorically eligible and may be directly certified only via an automated data matching process with the Medicaid eligibility records.

Therefore, households are not allowed to handwrite their Medicaid case number on the application or provide “proof” of Medicaid in order for their child to be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Reduced Medicaid Determination: Negative Impact and Extending to Household Siblings

- Students May Not Be Negatively Impacted / Receive Lower Level Benefits Based on Medicaid Match
- If a Student is Matched as Reduced through the Medicaid Determination and they Match as Free through Another Means, the Free Status Remains. For example:
 - Directly Certified Students through SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Remain Free
 - Students Qualifying through a List for Homeless/Migrant/Runaway Status Remain Free
 - Students Qualifying through Foster Care Remain Free
 - Students Qualifying as Free through an Income Application Remain Free
- Medicaid Free and Medicaid Reduced: Extend Benefits to Siblings in the Same Household Whenever it Improves Individual Student Benefits



Supply Chain Assistance Funds: Second and Third Allocation

Second Allocation: Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds

- Second Allocation Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds Issued to CNPs on October 3, 2022, Based on Enrollment
- This assistance builds on the \$1 billion in supply chain assistance funds USDA previously allocated in December 2021
- Purpose:
 - Enhance School District Ability to Purchase Foods for School Meals in Light of Supply Chain Challenges
 - May be Used to Purchase Unprocessed and Minimally Processed Domestic Food
- For Audit Purposes, the reference used for this payment was FY23 SCA and the Header Text was FNS Supply Chain Assistance.

Second Allocation SCA Funds

- Payment Amounts are Included in [Memo SFS-23-004](#)
- For Tracking and Audit Purposes, the SCA Payment Reference and CFDA Number follows:
 - “FY23 SCA” with Header Text “FNS Supply Chain Assistance”
 - CFDA Number “NSLP-10.555”
- SFAs Must Maintain Documentation Supporting Food Purchases that are allowable for SCA purposes
- SCA funds deposited to the NPFSA do not need to be separated from other monies within the account and are not tracked separately from an accounting standpoint. The CFDA number is the same as the program CFDA number (NSLP-10.555)

Coming Soon: 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 is providing 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.

More information will be provided at a later date.

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 [Louisianfitkids.com](#) website



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.”

CACFP and SFSP Area Eligibility Data



- USDA and FNS Released CACFP and SFSP Area Eligibility Data: Effective October 1, 2022
- FNS Mapping Tools Have Been Updated with New Data, Accessible Using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
 - [Area Eligibility Map](#)
 - [Open Data Site](#)
- To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility in CACFP and SFSP, See [Memo SP 08-2017, Area Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs](#)

Mandatory USDA Supply Chain Survey



Mandatory USDA Supply Chain Survey

- Participation is Vital in This Survey: USDA Needs SFA Feedback
 - Food, Labor and Supply Chain Disruptions
 - Transition to Standard Operations
 - Impact on Student Participation
- Opportunity to Share Experiences and Communicate Issues Faced in School Communities
- Survey Link to be Provided in Mid-November
- For Questions About the Survey, Email CNsurveys@usda.gov

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 now 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](#)

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry: USDA Foods Updates



USDA Foods and Supply Chain Considerations

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
 - Limited Supply Forecasted Starting January 2023
- Agriculture and Marketing Service (AMS)
 - Truckload Purchasing
- For Questions and Additional Information: Contact Doug Mckean at dmckean@ldaf.state.la.us

Questions

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

