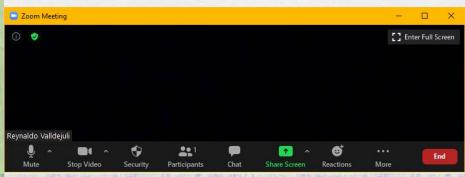
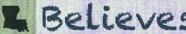
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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact

LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION





Nutrition Support Monthly
Call
January, 2023

# Agenda

- What's New in Memos and Resources
- Important Due Dates
- Verification
- 2022 NSLP Equipment Grant
- 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-23-023 Retirement of the Team Nutrition Network.pdf
- SFS-23-024 November 2022 SNAP and TANF loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.pdf
- SFS-23-025 FY 2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Applications for SFAs NOW AVAILABLE.pdf
- SFS-23-026 PBRC Manager Training.pdf
- SFS-23-027 January trainings.pdf
- SFS-23-028 ByHeart Infant Formula Recall.pdf
- SFS-23-029 Now Available! Test your whole grains knowledge with Team Nutrition's latest web quiz!.pdf
- SFS-23-030 Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP Recording Now Available.pdf
- SFS-23-032 New food yields added to the FBG for CNPs Interactive Web-based Tool and Mobile App.pdf
- SFS-23-033 Verification Resource.pdf



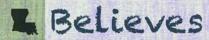
# SFS-23-025: 2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for SFAs OPEN! Apply NOW!

- 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 <a href="http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov">http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov</a>



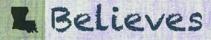
# SFS-23-01 Back to School Success with Team Nutrition's Menu Planning Tools and Resources

- The webinar recording of the August 31st Team Nutrition Webinar is now available online
- Two versions of this webinar recording are available:
  - English captioned: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HCHSorXFMo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HCHSorXFMo</a>
  - Spanish captioned: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SLFOvi\_D-g">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SLFOvi\_D-g</a>
- 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, USDAapproved software, and more.



# **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.
- <u>Discover MyPlate: Nutrition Education for Kindergarten</u> 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 in 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

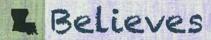
#### **Handouts:**

- "Welcome to School Lunch" English | Spanish
- "Meet MyPlate" <u>Spanish</u>
- "Snack Time" <u>English</u> I <u>Spanish</u>
- "Be Your Best With Breakfast" English | Spanish
- "Move, Play, Have Fun!" Spanish

Look and Cook Recipe Cards: English and Spanish

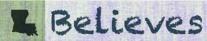
Student Workbook: English

Questions about these resources may be submitted to <a href="TeamNutrition@USDA.gov">TeamNutrition@USDA.gov</a>



### **Retirement of the Team Nutrition Network**

- The retirement of the online Team Nutrition Schools and CACFP Organizations Network will occur in two phases:
  - Phase 1: December 2022, Team Nutrition stopped collecting new and updated enrollments.
  - Phase 2: By June 30, 2023, the Team Nutrition Schools and Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations websites will be retired, and the information will be unavailable online.
- Current Team Nutrition Network members do not need to take any action



## **Team Nutrition Member Information**

- Current Team Nutrition Members will continue to:
- Receive e-mail updates from Team Nutrition. Network members are already part
  of Team Nutrition's subscriber list in GovDelivery, the platform used to deliver enewsletters and other updates. To check and update your GovDelivery
  subscription, please visit:
  - https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/subscriber/new? topic id=USFNS 94.
- Order printed copies of Team Nutrition's materials, while supplies last, by visiting our main Team Nutrition Order Form: https://pueblo.gpo.gov/FNS/FNSPubs.php. Stickers, decals, and other items from the Team Nutrition Network Promotional Order Form have been moved to the main Team Nutrition Order Form.



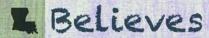
# eScholar Direct Match Uploads Available: November 2022 SNAP / TANF

- November 2022 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 # 4063

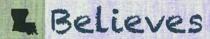
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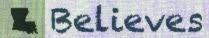
# **CNP Manager Training**

- Registration is open for virtual Child Nutrition Program Manager Training, scheduled for January 3-6, 2023.
  - Click here for the <u>agenda</u> and click here to <u>register</u>.
  - Training will be conducted live, via zoom, beginning at 12:30pm on Tuesday, January 3rd.
  - Sessions are all day Wednesday and Thursday with the Assessment Quiz from 9:00am to 11:30am on Friday.



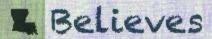
# Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP: Webinar Recording

- 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: <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/streamlining-summer">https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/streamlining-summer</a>.



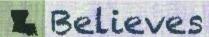
# **Food Buying Guide Updates**

- New food yields added to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs
   Interactive Web-based Tool and FBG Interactive Mobile App!
- The following new food yields are available: frozen mangoes, fresh rambutan, fresh lychee, fresh and canned mandarins, frozen legumes (dark red kidney beans and white kidney beans) and pouched tuna.
- Stay tuned for additional yield data releases coming soon.
- Explore the **Food Buying Guide** today!



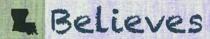
# Memo SFS-23-033: Verification Deadline Reminder

- Please be reminded that the deadline to submit the Verification Summary Form is 1/10/2023.
- View the Verification Training <u>HERE</u>, for detailed instructions.
- This year, all school types are required to report the number of free and reduced price Medicaid Direct Certification results as of 10/31/22.
- If you are an RCCI without day students, you can report 0 for both.



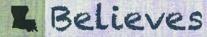
### SFS-23-021 Farm to School Grant Informational Webinars

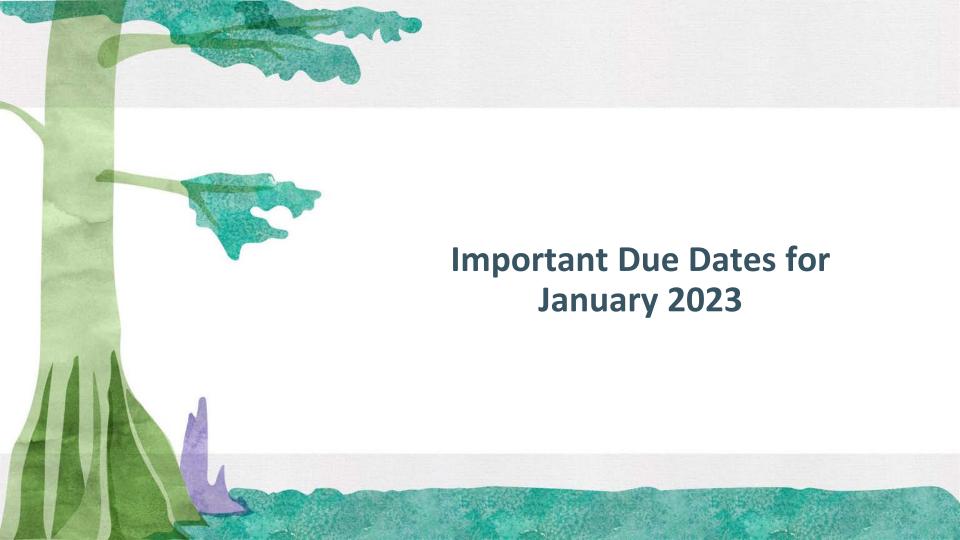
- The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Farm to School Grant Program request for applications (RFA) is now open! Please see the <a href="FY2023 RFA">FY2023 RFA</a> on <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> for more information and to apply.
- The Community Food Systems Division is pleased to share the FY2023 Farm to School Grant webinars presented on November 8 and November 9, 2022. To view the webinars click on the links below:
  - "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"



# **January 2023 Trainings**

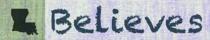
- Wednesday, January 4, 2023: Nutrition Support Office Hours at 1:00pm
- Tuesday, January 10, 2023: Civil Rights & Health Inspections at 1:00 pm
- Thursday, January 12, 2023: Supply Chain Assistance Funds at 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023: Food Service Management Company (FSMC)
   Contracts at 1:00 pm





### 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 <u>Memo SFS-22-x146 Non-response rates from SY 22 for SY 23</u> 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.



### **Verification:**

**New Medicaid Reporting in the Verification Summary Report** 

- New Information Reporting Requirements
  - Medicaid Free Enrolled Students
  - Medicaid Reduced Enrolled Students
- Verification Summary Form Training
- Go to Louisianafitkids.com to access the recorded training with 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

- 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.
- 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)

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6. Section 5 - Results of Verification (All SFAs)

#### (Required)

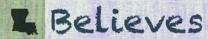
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# What Will the Medicaid Reporting Section Look Like?

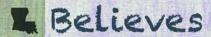
Section	Students directly certified with Medicaid  Students directly certified with Medicaid: with Medicaid  Students directly certified with Medicaid for FREE meals only. Medicaid  M-1: Students directly certified with Medicaid for FREE meals only.  Medicaid	A. Number of FREE Students	B. Number of REDUCED Students
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### Monitoring: SBP, NSLP, ASP

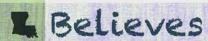
- ✓ SBP and NSLP Monitoring: Due Prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>
- School Food Authority On-Site Review Checklist

- ✓ After-School Snack Program Monitoring: Due in the 1<sup>st</sup> Four Weeks of the Program:
- After-School Snack Program Monitoring Form



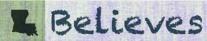
# Important Due Dates: Snapshot of Due Dates for January 2023

		Escholar Direct Match data available-For further information contact your SIS coordinator
	10	December Claim for Reimbursement Due (submitted online - CNP website - http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov)
	10	Online Verification Summary Due (Required for ALL SFAs, even those that were not required to perform the verification process).
6		Reminder: Report Site Health Inspections conducted in December in CNP Website
02		To access the Site Health Inspection link:
10		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>
3		School Food Service Online Forms and Claim for Reimbursement Manual
4		Reminder: Report December Meal Denials in CNP website (if applicable)
٦		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



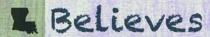
# **Comments on SFS Online Application Revisions**

- 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)



## What Will the Revision Comment Section Look Like?

# Issues Please enter comments justifying the need for a new revision and describing the intended changes. [#11900] Revision Justification - Justify the need for a new revision by describing the intended changes. iter comments here. SFS Forms Available for Submission for Program Year 2023 Note: Please click here to print this page for future reference. Select Form Name [Revision Number] Schedule A [Revision 1] [Status: Unsubmitted] Schedule A - Revision 1 Please enter comments justifying the need for a new revision and describing the intended changes.

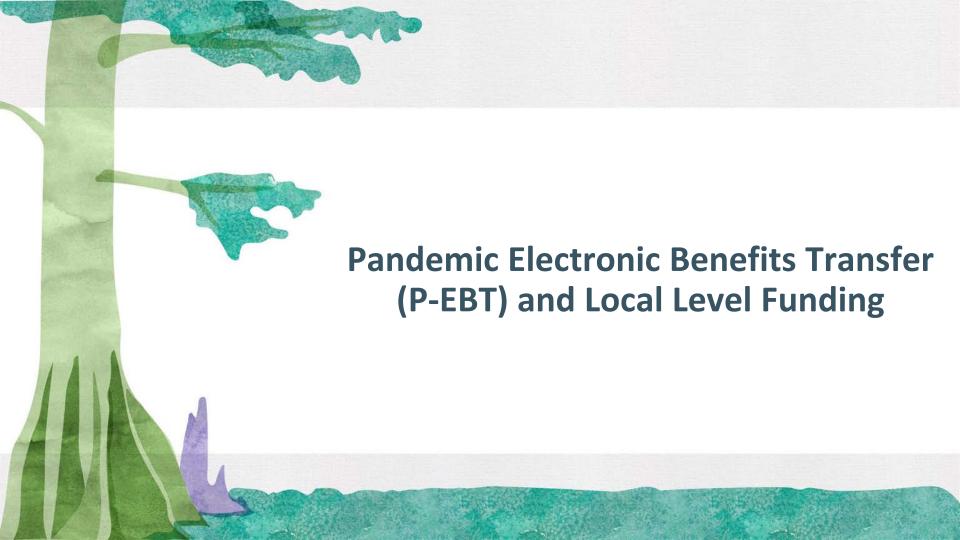




# 60 Calendar Day Deadline for Claim Submission and Keeping CNP Online Application Data Up to Date

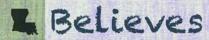
- The 60 calendar day deadline for submitting claims still applies.
- A one time exception is allowed only once every 36 months (3 years)
- Update and make corrections to the CNP Online Application whenever changes occur / as needed





## **Summer 2022 P-EBT**

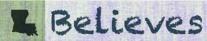
- All students in K-12 schools were eligible if they qualified for free or reducedpriced meals and were in school in May 2022.
- Eligible children will receive a total payment of \$391 to cover June and July.
- Benefits were issued beginning in late summer and into the autumn months and will be issued 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 <a href="https://doi.org/dcfs.louisiana.gov/page/pebt-summer-2021">dcfs.louisiana.gov/page/pebt-summer-2021</a>.
- 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**

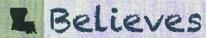
### **Eligibility Requirements**

- 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.



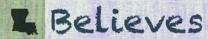
# P-EBT School Year 2022-2023 Update

- The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is developing Louisiana State level plan to operate Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for School Year 2022-2023 to include:
  - School Children
  - Children in Child Care
  - Homeschooled Children (\*changed to at-home education due to COVID-19)



# 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 are sent letters to inform recipients when 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: <u>DCFS.PEBTSupport@la.gov</u>
- DCFS Helpdesk for Parents: 1-888-524-3578 or 1-888-LAHELPU
- EBT Card Center Helpdesk: 1-888-997-1117





## Flexibilities for SY 2022-2023

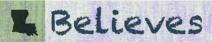
### Paid Lunch Equity

- 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)





#### **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 milk<sup>1</sup>.



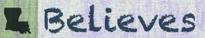
#### SODIUM

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 grainrich (containing at least 50% whole grains).



#### **References on Transitional Meal Pattern Standards**

- See Memo SFS-22-90 and Memo SFS-22-91 for more information on the Transitional Rule.
- The <u>slides</u> and <u>video</u> from the Transitional Standard Training are posted on <u>LA Fit</u>
   <u>Kids</u>



## **USDA Milk Tip Sheet for CNP Operators**

• USDA's Milk Tip Sheet is designed for program operators as a handy and easy-touse 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".
- <a href="https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/Milk TipSheet.pdf">https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/Milk TipSheet.pdf</a>



#### **Whole Grains**

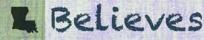
- The Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School has been revised with the 2022 final rule for Child Nutrition Programs for Transitional Meal Standards
- Provides examples of various grain products often served in schools and walks the user through the process of determining whether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





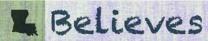
## Whole Grains Knowledge Quiz from Team Nutrition

- A Whole Grains Quiz, Comprised of 10 Interactive and Self-Paced Questions is Now Available through Team Nutrition!
- The user may retake the quiz or retry questions as many times as desired.
- This quiz was developed to be a fun approach to support information found in the updated Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, Whole Grains Resource for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Crediting Handbook for Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- This quiz is the newest addition to Team Nutrition web quizzes that cover a variety of nutrition topics.
- Take the quiz today at <a href="mailto:fns.usda.gov/quiz/whole-grains-quiz">fns.usda.gov/quiz/whole-grains-quiz</a>.



## **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 <a href="Memo SFS-23-007 Buy American-Lettuce shortage">Memo SFS-23-007 Buy American-Lettuce shortage</a>.





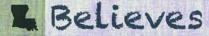
#### **Direct Certification with Medicaid**

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

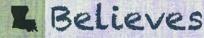
Please note: not all children receiving Medicaid will receive free or reduced meals.



# Reduced Priced Children Determined Through Medicaid

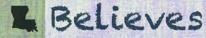
Due to differences in household definition and income assessments between programs, some children directly certified for reduced-price meals through Medicaid may have been eligible for free meals if the household applied.

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).



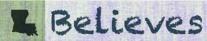
# No Medicaid Direct Certification using Handwritten Case Numbers

- 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 and Income Application Remain Free
- Medicaid Free and Medicaid Reduced: Extend Benefits to Siblings in the Same Household Whenever it Improves Individual Student Benefits



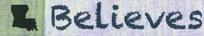


# **Third Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds**

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

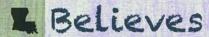
State agencies will distribute this third round of SCA funding to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the same formula used to distribute the first and second rounds of funds.

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



### **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. <u>USDA Questions and Answers regarding Supply Chain Assistance Funds</u>
  - 3. The <u>slides</u> and <u>recording</u> from the March 10th SCA training posted on the <u>Louisianfitkids.com</u> website





## **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

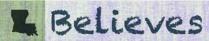
#### **Small Purchase and Micro-purchase Thresholds**

- 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."







- 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 <u>Memo SP 08-2017</u>, <u>Area Eligibility in Child</u> <u>Nutrition Programs</u>

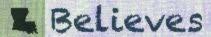
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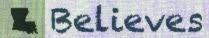
# **Mandatory USDA Supply Chain Survey**

- 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
- For Questions About the Survey, Email <u>CNsurveys@usda.gov</u>



# 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 <u>Supply Chain Assistance (SCA)</u>
   Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities YouTube



### Questions

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

