

CACFP FACILITY FUNDING NOTICE

Purpose

USDA authorized emergency operational costs reimbursement for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) childcare facilities whose revenues declined or were temporarily interrupted during the early months of the pandemic due to COVID-19 related restrictions or closures. During this time, many day care facilities experienced significant loss in revenue and in many cases were forced to expend their savings, draw funds from other sources, and cut or suspend operations. This reimbursement is intended to help address shortfalls and ensure childcare facilities are in the best position to rebuild while continuing to serve their communities.

Payment Calculation

Reimbursements were calculated based on a statutory formula. It allows eligible childcare facilities to receive:

- 55% of the difference between reimbursements from the months of April, May, and June 2020, and the same months in 2019 (or Alternate Period for “new” childcare facility), and
- For March 2020 calculations, the payment is half of 55% of the difference between reimbursements for March 2020 and March 2019 (or Alternate Period for “new” childcare facility).

A “new” day care facility is one that was not operating CACFP during a given month during the reference period of March, April, May, or June 2019. The Alternate Period for “new” childcare facilities is the average of January and February 2020 reimbursements.

Payment Eligibility

Childcare facilities are eligible for the reimbursements if they maintained their CACFP participation by filing valid claims for any of the months of September 2020 to present **OR** have provided an assurance that their CACFP operations will resume by filing a valid claim no later than a month occurring within 90 days after the conclusion of the public health emergency.

Payment Amount

Based on the statutory formula, you are eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$ 0.00. Those funds will be issued to your bank account or by check, depending on your most recent payment setup under our Sponsorship.

Allowable Use of Funds

All funds must be deposited in the day care facilities account and be used in accordance with normal program requirements.

Questions

All questions should be directed to the Illinois State Board of Education at (800) 545-7892.