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BULLETIN NO. 036-21 Child Nutrition Services

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School Food Service Supervisors
Administrators of Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering additional reimbursement to sponsors of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for emergency operating costs incurred during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The additional reimbursement is available through two temporary reimbursement programs, the School Program Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program.

The purpose of this reimbursement is to:

- Provide additional funding to sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) whose revenues declined or were temporarily interrupted due to restrictions and closures during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Help CNP sponsors rebuild and continue to serve their community.

Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement eligibility is limited to:

- Sponsors that have maintained their Child Nutrition Program participation by filing valid meal claims for any of the months of **September 2020 through December 2020**.
- Sponsors that have not filed a claim but provide assurance that they **WILL** file a claim during the first 90 days after the end of the public health emergency.

Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program

Payment Details

- The amount provided to sponsors for the reimbursement months of March, April, May, and June 2020 is calculated based on the total amount of reimbursements earned during the same reference months in 2019.
- Payments for currently operating sponsors are scheduled for end of July 2021.
- Payments will be initiated in the Washington Integrated Nutrition System (WINS). No action required by the sponsor.
- Public School District sponsors will receive this funding with school apportionment payments.
- Private schools and community based organizations will receive this funding through the Agency Financial Reporting System (AFRS).
- Sponsors who are eligible to receive funds under both School Meals and CACFP will receive two reimbursements, one for each program.

Payment of Reimbursement Calculations

Sponsors operating March, April, May, and June of 2019

The Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement payments are calculated by first subtracting the *reimbursement month* claims (March, April, May, and June 2020) from the corresponding *reference month* (March, April, May, and June 2019), and then multiplying by a factor of .55 (55%). If the result of any payment calculation is a negative number, the payment available for that month is zero.

<i>April 2019 claim</i>	-	<i>April 2020 claim</i>	=	<i>Sum (if the sum is a negative number the payment amount would be zero)</i>	X	<i>55%</i>	<i>Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement</i>
<i>\$4,000.00</i>	-	<i>\$1,500.00</i>	=	<i>\$2,500.00</i>	X	<i>.55</i>	<i>\$1,375.00</i>

Reimbursement payments are available for the full months of April, May and June, but only half of the month of March. Therefore when calculating payments for the month of March 2020, the results of the formula is divided by two in order to determine the final payment amount.

<i>March 2019 claim</i>	-	<i>March 2020 claim</i>	=	<i>Sum (if the sum is a negative number the payment amount would be zero)</i>	X	<i>55%</i>	=	<i>Total</i>	÷ 2	<i>Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement</i>
<i>\$2,500.00</i>	-	<i>\$1,500.00</i>	=	<i>\$1000.00</i>	X	<i>.55</i>	=	<i>\$550.00</i>	÷ 2	<i>\$275.00</i>

Sponsors not operating March, April, May, and June of 2019

An alternative reference period will be used for new sponsors that were not operating during March, April, May and June of 2020. The alternative reference period is the average of the claim reimbursement amounts for January and February 2020.

For sponsors currently not operating CNPs, additional guidance will be provided regarding assurances on future program operation and the emergency operational costs reimbursement program.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Hydie Kidd, at 360-725-6287 or email hydie.kidd@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance

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