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**POLICY UPDATE**



## **01.21.2015 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

On Wednesday, January 21, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service released notice of the updated Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) reimbursement rates. The adjustments in SFSP reimbursements apply to meals served to participating children effective January 1, 2015. The rate tables are presented as a combined set of rates to highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. Additional tables separating operating and administrative rates of reimbursement are also provided. For further information, contact Tina Namian, Policy and Program Development Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture at 703-305-2590. [Click here](#) to read the notice and view the tables.

## **01.14.2015 SMOOTHIES OFFERED IN CN PROGRAMS**

As fruit, vegetable, milk, and yogurt, smoothies are an increasingly common food item in the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has modified the guidance on smoothies to allow for the crediting of vegetables and yogurt including smoothies with yogurt at lunch. These additional ingredients provide variety to food service operators seeking to include appealing and nutritious smoothies on their menus. [This memorandum](#) replaces previous guidance on smoothies, addresses the crediting of vegetables and yogurt in smoothies, and clarifies the use of fruit concentrates in CNP.

## **01.14.2015 CEP: GUIDANCE AND UPDATED Q&AS**

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in high-poverty areas to offer free school breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost. CEP can provide numerous benefits to LEAs, including substantial administrative savings from the elimination of household applications for free and reduced price meals, streamlined meal service operations, higher student participation, and more opportunities for children to receive nutrition necessary to optimize academic achievement. CEP may be implemented in individual schools, groups of schools, or in entire school districts. [Click here](#) for updated Guidance and Q&A's.

*Questions or comments?*

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