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**POLICY UPDATE**



**07.27.2018 Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2018, Through June 30, 2019**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on July 27, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced](#) the national average value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu of donated foods, to be provided in school year 2019 for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and each lunch and supper served through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

**07.30.2018 Request for Information: State Administrative Expense Allocation Formula for Child Nutrition Programs**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on July 30, 2018, FNS [provided notice](#) that it is seeking information from State agencies that administer Child Nutrition programs about their successes, challenges, and needs for the State Administrative Expense (SAE) allocation formula. FNS is seeking to better understand the availability and use of SAE funds, and aims to identify whether the SAE formula meets state spending needs, and if additional flexibilities in SAE funding levels and rules could improve program administration. Comments must be submitted before September 28, 2018.

**07.30.2018 Contact Information of Schools That Participate in the National School Lunch Program and Organizations That Participate in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

FNS in a [Federal Register](#) notice published on July 30, 2018, [requested comment](#) on a proposed information collection to establish a database of schools and organizations participating in NSLP and CACFP. The goal of the database is to enable participants to network, coordinate and collaborate with each other to identify and share innovative programs that will help children maintain healthy eating and lifestyle habits. Comments are requested regarding: whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of collection activities. Comments must be received by August 29, 2018.

**08.07.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request-Summer Food Site Locations for State Agencies**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on August 7, 2018, FNS [announced](#) that it is seeking comment on a proposed information collection activity from state agencies on approved site locations for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and NSLP's Seamless Summer Option. Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2018.

*Questions or comments?*

*Send them to SNA's Government Affairs Associate, Matt Miller, at [mmiller@schoolnutrition.org](mailto:mmiller@schoolnutrition.org)*

### **08.10.2018 Correction to National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates**

FNS posted a [notice correcting](#) previously published reimbursement rates for school nutrition programs in School Year 2018-19. The maximum NSLP paid reimbursement [is \\$0.39](#) instead of \$0.30 as indicated in the [original notice](#).

### **08.10.2018 Correction to Child and Adult Care Food Program: National Average Payment Rates, Day Care Home Food Service Payment Rates, and Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes for the Period July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019**

FNS posted a [notice correcting](#) previously published CACFP payments. In a [previous document](#) outlining CACFP administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes, the figure under “Next 150” for organizations in Hawaii should read “105” and not “195.”

### **08.20.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request-School Food Authority (SFA) Procurement Practices**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on August 20, 2018, FNS [requested comment](#) on a proposed information collection activity for the School Food Authority (SFA) Procurement Practices Study. The study aims to describe and evaluate the decision-making processes of SFAs regarding school food procurement practices. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before October 19, 2018.

### **08.20.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request-Special Milk Program for Children**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on August 20, 2018, FNS [requested comment](#) on a revision to an approved information collection activity related to the reporting and accountability requirements of the Special Milk Program. FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before October 19, 2018.

### **10.03.2018 Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on October 3, 2018, FNS [requested comment](#) on a revision to an approved information collection activity for the agency’s Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs. The revision updates the estimates of burden hours related to the collection, and FNS is seeking input on whether the information collection is necessary, the accuracy of their burden estimates, ways to improve the information that is collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents. Comments must be received on or before December 3, 2018.

### **10.04.2018 Increasing Flexibility for Verification of For-Profit Center Eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on October 4, 2018, FNS [announced](#) a proposed rule that would exempt for-profit centers from monthly verification if they annually demonstrate that at least 50 percent of children or adults served are eligible under relevant statutory provisions. Comments must be received on or before December 4, 2018.

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