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Continuing Resolution Extends Pandemic-EBT and Enables Key SNAP and Child Nutrition Program Flexibilities

A continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government (through December 11, 2020) has been passed by Congress and signed by the president. The CR avoids a government shutdown, provides nearly \$8 billion in nutrition assistance, and makes a number of improvements to federal nutrition programs, including:

- **Extends [Pandemic-EBT](#) through September 30, 2021, and expands eligibility** to include children who participate in SNAP and are enrolled in childcare settings that are closed or have reduced hours or attendance. The CR also provides for administrative funding and important new flexibilities to deliver P-EBT more efficiently.
- **Extends USDA authority to issue nationwide waivers** for child nutrition programs through September 30, 2021 in order to ensure efficient grab-and-go meal service at schools that are not open or partially open and to provide more flexibility to school and summer meal providers to maximize their ability to prevent child hunger. We urge USDA to utilize this authority to immediately extend all waivers through the 2020-21 school year.
- **Extends USDA authority to extend WIC administrative waivers** through September 30, 2021, including waiving the requirement for in-person WIC clinic visits. This means that USDA may continue to allow WIC to serve participants remotely via telephone, text or videoconference, and remotely load WIC benefits onto eWIC cards, even if the public health declaration emergency prematurely expires.
- **Extends flexibilities for state SNAP agencies to manage operations safely and effectively during COVID-19**, including the ability to continue waivers for interview requirements, participant reporting, and eligibility recertifications.

Stay tuned for additional details as these provisions are implemented in New York State.

Area Eligibility Waived for CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack/Supper Through December 31, 2020

USDA has [issued a nationwide waiver](#) for area eligibility requirements for the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack and Supper component through December 31, 2020. The waiver allows eligible schools, afterschool programs, and childcare centers providing afterschool care to participate in the At-Risk component regardless of location, waiving the usual requirement that programs be located in the enrollment area of a school where 50% of more of the students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

For more information about afterschool meals, visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org or contact Krista.Hesdorfer@HungerSolutionsNY.org.

New Guidance: CACFP Meals for School-Age Children Learning Remotely in Childcare Settings

New York State Department of Health issued a memo, "[Remote Learning in Childcare Settings during Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)," providing guidance on claiming meals for school-age children in child care centers and day care homes during the school day.

Highlights include:

- Through June 30, 2021, CACFP sponsors can claim meals served to school-age children who are attending school virtually in childcare settings.
- Centers and day care home providers may claim two meals and one snack, or two snacks and one meal per child per day.
- Income eligibility applications must be maintained for centers and Tier 1 day care home providers' own children.
- Meals brought from home or provided by the local school district cannot be claimed through CACFP.
- Virtual or remote learning days are considered school days. On school days, At-Risk snack and/or supper may only be claimed if served after the school day has ended, in afterschool care. On non-school days (holidays, school vacation, snow days, and days when the school does not have in-person or remote learning scheduled), At-Risk meals can be claimed when served during the day.

[Read the memo](#) for complete details; sponsors should contact their CACFP representative with any questions.

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