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## Child Nutrition News

### Nourishing Our Youngest Children: Updates & Resources for WIC, CACFP and P-EBT

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#### Great News! WIC Remote Services Renewed Through Mid-August

New York State has made maximum use of existing program flexibilities to make it as easy as possible for children and families to participate in WIC during the COVID-19 health emergency. Specifically, clinics may serve participants remotely via telephone, text or videoconference, and remotely load WIC benefits onto eWIC cards.



Last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended crucial WIC flexibilities until 30 days after the expiration of the public health emergency. A recent extension of the public health emergency declaration for COVID-19 ensures that existing WIC flexibilities are now in place through at least mid-August. Most local WIC agencies have provided benefits and services remotely during the entire COVID-19 crisis, supporting about 360,000 participants each month.

From pregnancy through pre-K, WIC is here for families. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, nutritious foods, and referrals to health services, but currently serves less than half of potentially eligible New Yorkers statewide. WIC helps dads, grandparents, guardians and others who can apply for WIC for children under age 5 in their care, too. Learn more and connect more families near you at [WIChelpNY.org](http://WIChelpNY.org).

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## More Great News! WIC Will Soon Triple Benefits for Fruits & Vegetables

NYS WIC is granting a temporary boost to the cash value benefit for fruit and vegetable purchases; for four months, program participants' eWIC cards will be loaded with more than three times the current amount allotted for fruits and vegetables.

While the standard monthly value is \$9 per child and \$11 for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, the monthly amount will increase to \$35 per child and adult because of a provision in the American Rescue Plan passed earlier this year. The act gives the U.S. Department of Agriculture authority to temporarily increase the value for up to four months; NYS WIC program will provide the increase from June through September.

More details to come. In the meantime, read more about this boost from [USDA](#), then watch how to shop with an eWIC card, find local WIC clinics and vendors at [WIChelpNY.org](#), and help spread the word about this summertime boost in fruit/veggie benefits.

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## New CACFP Waiver Allows Tier I Rates for All Day Care Homes



USDA recently [announced](#) several child nutrition program waivers, effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, including a new waiver allowing all CACFP-participating day care homes to claim all meals and snacks served to enrolled children at the higher Tier I reimbursement rates, regardless of the provider's location.

Tier I reimbursement rates are ordinarily available only to providers who live in a low-income area, serve low-income children, or live in a household that meets income guidelines.

The waivers also extend flexibilities allowing:

- Non-congregate meal service
- Parent/guardian meal pick-up
- Flexibility in meal times
- Meal pattern flexibility in the event of food component shortages
- Waived area eligibility for At-Risk Afterschool programs
- Certain monitoring flexibilities for sponsors

Read New York State Department of Health's [CACFP memo](#) and USDA's [waiver memos](#) for more information.

### Help spread the word!

Extending Tier I reimbursement rates to all CACFP-participating day care homes provides valuable support for providers and the children they serve. It is also a great opportunity for CACFP outreach to encourage more day care home providers to participate. Visit [ChildCareMealsNY.org](#) for outreach resources you can use to spread the word about CACFP, including [palm cards](#), [FAQs](#), and [web graphics](#) you can add to your website, social media, and e-news.

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### Preparing for P-EBT 2.0: SNAP Outreach to Families

As we await details on the next round of [Pandemic-EBT](#) (P-EBT) in New York, it is an especially important time for SNAP outreach to families with children. Sharing information about SNAP can help ensure P-EBT reaches as many eligible children as possible; it is especially critical for reaching young children, as Congress extended P-EBT to eligible children under age six who are part of a household enrolled in SNAP.



Visit our [website](#) for resources you can share to connect families with SNAP, including an outreach flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and our "[Find Food Help](#)" map to help families find their local [Nutrition Outreach and Education Program](#) (NOEP) Coordinator.

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