

Emergency Childcare Centers

Fact Sheet for Serving Meals through Child Nutrition Programs

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In a state of emergency, Emergency Childcare Centers (ECC) can claim reimbursements for meals served to children in their care. These meals can be claimed under different Child Nutrition Programs. This fact sheet provides information on the program types, number of meals that can be claimed, and requirements for claiming reimbursements.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Reimbursable Meals

Up to 2 meals and 1 snack per child per day for Childcare Centers; 1 meal and 1 snack per child per day for At-Risk Sponsors*

Recordkeeping Requirements

- Attendance and meal counts must be kept separately
- Child Care Centers will need to collect Child Enrollment Forms and Confidential Income Statements for new children in care
- New Child Care sites will need to create a One Month Enrollment Roster

Additional Notes

- At-Risk Afterschool sponsors may operate as a ECC Site
- Recommended for Sponsors currently operating CACFP as a Child Care Center or Head Start

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Reimbursable Meals

Up to 2 meals or 1 meal and 1 snack per child per day (cannot claim lunch and supper on same day)*

Recordkeeping Requirements

- Meal counts for children in emergency child care must be recorded separately from non-congregate meals served to the public

Additional Notes

- May also operate as an open site
- May operate as an enrolled site using area eligibility through April 30, 2020
- Infant meals: Sponsor must have State Agency approval
- Recommended for ECC Sponsors currently operating SFSP

*Combining CACFP and Summer Meals and Snacks

CACFP Sponsors who operate SFSP or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) may serve both programs concurrently during a state of emergency. Sponsors who choose to operate both programs at once may claim up to the maximum number of meals and snacks for each program. The same meal or snack may not be claimed for both programs.

The School Nutrition Programs

Including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and National School Lunch Program Afterschool Snack Service Program (NSLP ASSP)

Reimbursable Meals

1 meal per program (SBP, NSLP) per child per day; and may claim 1 snack if participating in NSLP and NSLP ASSP

Recordkeeping Requirements

- Meal count and claims must follow approved procedures
- Meal counts for ECCs may be included in each program(s)' count

Additional Notes

- Recommended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) not operating CACFP, SFSP, or SSO and wanting to serve and claim for 2 meals and a snack in one day

The Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

Reimbursable Meals

Up to 2 meals or 1 meal and 1 snack per child per day (cannot claim lunch and supper on same day)

Recordkeeping Requirements

- Meal counts for children in emergency child care can be recorded with non-congregate meals served to the public

Additional Notes

- May also operate as an open site
- Must have a current Sponsor Agreement for either SBP or NSLP to elect SSO
- Recommended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) not operating CACFP or SFSP

How to Apply

- Apply to be an emergency childcare center through the Oregon Office of Childcare – Early Learning Division. Click link here: [Early Learning Division - Emergency Child Care Page](#)
- Submit Add/Modify Site Forms for Emergency Childcare Sites (if needed).

For more information, contact:

- **CACFP or SFSP Sponsors:** Your assigned Community Child Nutrition Specialist or ODE.CommunityNutrition@state.or.us
- **NSLP and SSO Sponsors:** Your assigned NSLP Child Nutrition Specialist or ODE.SchoolNutrition@state.or.us