

Topic: Oregon Community Eligibility Provision Incentive Reimbursement Program

Overview

The Oregon Community Eligibility Provision Incentive (CEPI) Reimbursement Program is an Oregon funded school meal provision program. The program provides a supplemental reimbursement that is in addition to federal meal reimbursement. The state reimbursement covers the difference between the federal free and federal paid reimbursement rate, up to a state determined annual free reimbursement goal rate.

Key Facts:

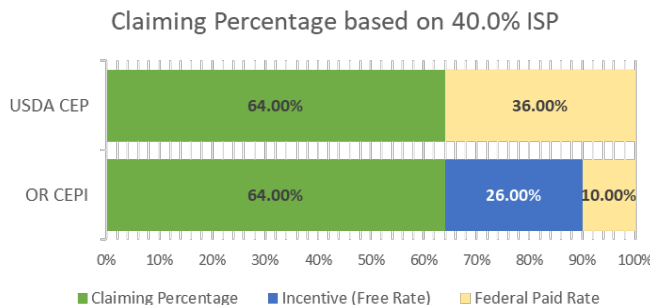
- ✓ The Oregon CEPI Reimbursement Program is funded through the Oregon Student Success Act of 2019 and went into effect July 2020.
- ✓ The purpose of the program is to encourage participation in the federal CEP Program, and maximize the number of schools participating in the provision, by making the provision financially viable for more eligible schools and districts.
- ✓ The program is noncompetitive. Public schools or districts participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program participating in the Community Eligibility Provision are eligible to participate.
- ✓ The goal free claiming rate is established annually by ODE. The current goal free claiming rate is 90%.
- ✓ The supplemental reimbursement rate for each meal category is the difference between the USDA federal free meal and the USDA paid meal reimbursement rate. The supplemental reimbursement rate includes the severe need differential, if applicable.
- ✓ Sponsors participating in a fifth “grace” year beyond the 4 year CEP cycle, may receive an alternative state funded supplemental reimbursement at a lower rate
- ✓ The After School Snack Program is not included in the Community Eligibility Incentive Reimbursement
- ✓ Oregon CEPI reimbursements must be deposited into the non-profit food service account.

Acronym Reference and Definitions

CEP – Community Eligibility Provision

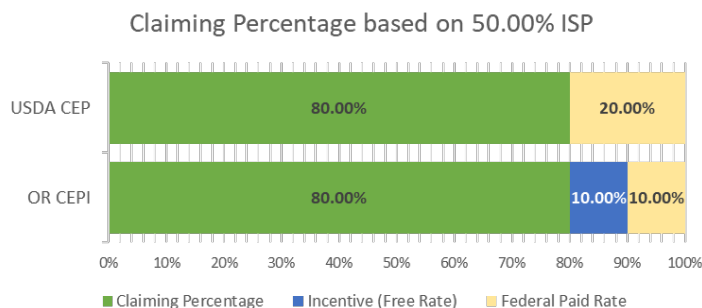
CEPI – Community Eligibility Provision Incentive

ISP – Identified Student Percentage

How it works:**Scenario 1**

This graph represents a school, group or district that qualifies for CEP with a 40% ISP. Applying the 1.6 multiplier results in a 64% free claiming percentage with the remaining 36% reimbursed at the federal paid rate.

Currently, CEPI will supplement the federal free reimbursement rate up to 90% and the remaining 10% will be reimbursed at the federal paid rate.

Scenario 2:

This graph represents a school, group, or district that qualifies for CEP with a 50% ISP. Applying the 1.6 multiplier results in an 80% free claiming percentage with the remaining 20% reimbursed at the federal paid rate.

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Helpful Resources:

- ✓ [USDA Community Eligibility Provision Planning and Implementation Guidance](#)
- ✓ [USDA Community Eligibility Resource Center](#)

Regulatory Reference:

- ✓ [7 CFR 245.9](#)
- ✓ [Oregon Administrative Rule 581-051-0610](#)

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