

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE . . . READY OR NOT!

1. Remember to document school out when claiming school children for meals during the day.
2. Remember to call the office in advance when you will be away from your home during your usual meal time (what we have on file as your meal time), or when you are closed (no children in care).

2018-2019 ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION RENEWAL

Every July Providers, who currently have an Eligibility Application on file in our office, are required by federal regulations to renew their Eligibility Application to claim their own children, foster children, and any other children living in their home. Providers living in Tier 2 areas who currently have Parent Eligibility Applications on file in our office must also have the Parents renew their Eligibility Applications.

On July 2nd we will mail the PY 18-19 Eligibility Renewal Applications to Providers who currently have an Eligibility Application on file in our office. Please read the instructions carefully. All Eligibility Applications must be completed, dated in July, and are due in our office on or before July 20, 2018. **If you have not previously completed an Eligibility Application and feel you might be eligible, please contact our office and request an Eligibility Application.**

If you normally qualify by a categorically eligible program; CalFresh, CalWORKS, or FDPRI - you are required to submit a current (dated in June or July 2018) Notice of Action or a current (dated in June or July 2018) approval letter from the agency on letterhead paper with your Eligibility Application. If you do not have a current Notice of Action for CalFresh or CalWORKS you should call your worker and ask for a "Request for Benefit Verification" form for San Diego County, or a "Passport to Services" form for Riverside County. It is best to request a copy in June so you will have the verification you need to include with your PY 18-19 Eligibility Application in July.

NOTIFICATION FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

"The State of California is implementing a new automated system, the Financial Information system of California (FI\$Cal), that will impact state functions related to budgeting, accounting and cash management. The purpose of this e-mail is to inform contractors that the California Department of Education (CDE) is scheduled to implement the FI\$Cal beginning July 1, 2018, and to provider information on changes to FI\$Cal implementation.

The CDE's implementation of FI\$Cal will impact the timing of claim reimbursements. Beginning in the month of July, claim reimbursements may be paid up to 10 calendar days later than they are currently paid. This change is due to necessary administrative procedures related to making payments using FI\$Cal. The CDE is currently examining its own processes to identify changes in processes to mitigate payment delays associated with FI\$Cal implementation."

What the above means to you and our program and all the other programs in the State of California is, starting in July, due to this new State System, your reimbursements will be paid out about **10 days later** than you are currently used to and the funds to operate the programs will be received about 10 days later also.

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May 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in July 2018*

June 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in August 2018*

*Checks are mailed within 5 Business days of receiving the funds

Checks for late claims are mailed when within 5 Business days of receiving the late run funds

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RICE CAKES

Rice Cakes have been removed from the Food List as a reimbursable Bread Alternative. The amount of Rice Cakes required to meet the required serving size is not a reasonable amount.

SOY MILK

Soy Milk served to children in care must be one of the allowable Soy Milks AND requested by the child's Parent/Guardian as noted on the required Parent Request for a Fluid Milk Substitution for a Child Participating in the Child & Adult Care Food Program form. Annually we check the allowed Soy Milks to make sure that they are still allowable and available; making sure that the Soy Milks meet the Reference Daily Intake (RDI) or %Daily Value and have at least 8g (grams) of Protein. **Soy Milks that are no longer available or no longer meet the requirements are:**

Kirkland Organic SOYMILK Plain

Pacific all natural Ultra Soy Original

Allowable Soy Milks at this time are:

8th CONTINENT SOYMILK Original

Great Value Soymilk Ultra-Pasteurized Original (red container)

Silk Soymilk Original

If you would like more information about allowable Soy Milks or have found a Soy Milk that you believe might be allowable and not on our list, please contact our office at 619.465.4500 or 800.233.8107