

## IL CNP Waiver 21-021

### Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program/Summer Seamless Option in the Month of September 2020.

**1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:**

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**2. Region:**

Midwest

**3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:**

Any School Food Authority or Summer Food Service Program Sponsor in good standing approved by the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department operating the Seamless Summer Option or the Summer Food Service Program in Summer 2020.

**4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(1)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(1)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:**

Most Illinois schools and school districts begin the school year in the month of August. However, Chicago Public Schools and a few other districts do not begin school until the week after the Labor Day weekend. In addition, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, multiple schools and school districts in Illinois are pushing back the start date of school into the month of September.

This waiver is requested to allow SFAS and SFSP sponsors operating SSO and SFSP in summer 2020 to continue offering meals under these programs in a non-congregate manner into September until the first day of school. Allowing the non-congregate meal service through the SSO and SFSP meals will decrease the gap in providing nutritious meals to students until the school year starts.

**5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:**

The Illinois State Board of Education is requesting a waiver to the requirements under 42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A), 42 U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(D), and 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15), to serve meals through the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program in a congregate setting.

**6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:**

The Illinois State Board of Education will provide technical assistance to school food authorities and SFSP sponsors to continue SSO and SFSP non-congregate meals until the first day of school in September 2020. There are no impacts on technology, State systems, or monitoring.

**7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

There are currently no State level regulatory barriers related to this specific issue.

**8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:**

The Illinois State Board of Education does not anticipate challenges from the establishment of this state-wide waiver at the state or sponsor level.

**9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:**

The establishment of this waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. It is consistent with prior years in providing summer meals to sponsors up to the week of Labor Day. COVID districts will be minor increase and would be offset from SNP meals.

**10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:**

Waiver implementation start date is September 1 until September 30 or the first day of school for the school or district that services the majority of students attending any given SSO or SFSP site, whichever is sooner

**11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:**

State agency staff in the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department will monitor implementation of this waiver.

**12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):**

The Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department will report to FNS all requested data for the waiver in the timelines required by USDA.

**13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

The proposed waiver will be posted at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/CNP-State-Waiver-Request.pdf>

**14. Signature and title of requesting official:**



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:**

*FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.*

**Date request was received at Regional Office:**

**Date Received:.....**

**Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**

**Recommend Approval**

**Recommend Denial**