

Child Nutrition Programs Flexibilities Expire June 30, 2023

On June 25th, 2022, President Biden signed the Keep Kids Fed Act, which extended U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) authority to waive certain requirements for Child Nutrition Programs to address COVID-19. This gave USDA extra resources to continue serving participants of the Child Nutrition Programs through the School Year 2022-23. These flexibilities (along with some waivers that were offered using USDA's 12(l) National School Lunch Act waiver authority) expire June 30, 2023. These flexibilities allowed for children and adult participants to continue to be fed in a safe manner during the pandemic. However, with the end of the presidentially declared public health emergency on May 11, 2023, we must continue to work towards a new normal.

As a reminder, the following Child Nutrition Program flexibilities are ending on June 30, 2023:

- Temporary higher per-meal reimbursement rates for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Temporary higher tier I reimbursement rates for tier II family day care homes in CACFP
- SY 22-23 meal service operational and administrative flexibilities offered through individual 12(l) waivers (see full list here: [SY 2022-23 Child Nutrition Programs Waiver Checklist](#))
- Offsite monitoring waivers

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service and Illinois State Board of Education appreciates the exceptional efforts of local program operators in their efforts to maintain program integrity and access during the public health emergency.

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