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Nutrition and Wellness Programs Child Nutrition Programs E-mail Alert

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School Nutrition Programs: Change in FY15 IL Free Reimbursement Rate

FY 15 IL Free Breakfast and Lunch Reimbursement Rate Change

The fiscal year 2015 State reimbursement rate for the Illinois Free Breakfast and Lunch Program has been dropped to \$.02 effective with the payment of March 2015 claims. February and prior claims for fiscal year 2015 were being paid at a rate of \$.03 per free breakfast or lunch claimed. Due to the smaller appropriation available for the IL Free Breakfast and Lunch program along with an increased number of claims to be paid requires that the reimbursement rate be lowered in order to pay all claims equitably. After all fiscal year 2015 claims are received, a final reimbursement amount will be computed and distributed to all claiming organizations in August.

CEP is only available to schools that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program and RCCI's are not eligible for CEP.

If your school or district is possibly eligible for the CEP and you would like to learn more about CEP, we highly recommend that you view the CEP Overview recorded webinar also found on the [CEP website](#).

If you would like to apply for CEP for some or all of your schools, the CEP application will be available on April 1, 2015 and is due by June 30, 2015.

If after viewing the recorded webinar on CEP you have additional questions please contact us via email at cnp@isbe.net or by telephone at 800/545-7892.