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President's Message

Each year the federal government sets the CACFP reimbursement rates that are effective from July 1st through June 30th. This year there is a modest increase in some of the meals/snacks. See the table for the new reimbursement rates.



	Tier I	Tier II
Breakfast	1.32	.48
Lunch/Dinner	2.48	1.50
Snack	.74	.20

Also, every five years the food program has to be reauthorized by Congress. This is called the Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Though the reauthorization should be voted on prior to September 30, 2015, if Congress delays the vote we will continue to do business as usual. What the reauthorization gives us is an opportunity to ask for program enhancements. We are asking for higher reimbursement rates as well as reimbursement for an additional meal. Children are in care longer today than in years past. Often the children are in your care from breakfast through dinner. We will keep you posted as to what is accomplished with this year's reauthorization.

Senator Bob Casey and presented a bill to the Senate that is very important to the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The bill calls for increased reimbursement rates, making more providers eligible for Tier 1 instead of Tier 2, and adds the option of another meal or snack for reimbursement for children who are in child care for 8 or more hours a day. It also calls for investments in sponsors and agencies to successfully implement the program and support providers.

There are two quick things you can do right now:

- 1. <u>Urge your U.S. Senators to support the Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act.</u> (or type into your browser: http://tinyurl.com/AHFYCA) Thanks to our friends at the Food Research and Action Center for setting up a way for us to quickly and easily contact our Senators!
- 2. Endorse the legislation to show the Senate Agriculture Committee that CACFP matters and thank Senator Casey for his leadership! (or type into your browser: http://tinyurl.com/SenAgCom) Family child care providers, please use the name of your program on the "organization" line!



The Wildwood CACFP Annual Conference is quickly approaching! The Conference is August 22, 2015 at the Arapahoe Community College. We have some amazing speakers, some of whom are coming back per your requests! To register go to www.wildwoodonline.org/conference or call our office at 303-730-0460. We look forward to seeing you there! You will be able to meet our staff and walk away with some incredible information for your business!

Kati Wagner

Claims Corner

It's almost time for school to begin again. Summer went very fast. Please send in kindergarten forms for any child who was born 9-1-2009 through 9-30-2010. If a child is born during this time frame & is not starting kindergarten we still need the form completed. Also send in school calendars for your file.

Please indicate on your claims when school is starting and whenever a school age child is out of school for any reason. Internet claimers can check mark the school out box at am snack & lunch or use the child's calendar (children>manage child calendar). Manual & Scan claimers need to use the Claim Information Form every month.

Internet claiming is easy to do. Save time & money & submit your claims by the first of every month with ease. Call your Program Rep for more information.

Direct Deposit is a snap to do and guarantees that your reimbursement will be in the bank on the first business day of every month. No more lost checks or trips to the bank every month. Send a voided check to Kati in the office.

Recently we have had quite a few online claiming providers sending in menus and attendance for the office to enter. If your internet service is down and you are unable to enter the information prior to 11:00 PM that day, please call and leave us a message. We need to receive the message the same day that you are unable to record so that we can satisfy the requirement of daily recording. You may also send us an email via your phone. Our main number is 303-730-0460 or, if you are outside the 720 or 303 area code, you may call 800-223-0557.

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WHAT: Wildwood CACFP Annual Conference

WHEN: Saturday August 22nd 8:00am - 3:30pm

WHERE: Arapahoe Community College 5900 S. Santa Fe Dr. Rm# M1900

Littleton, CO 80224

WHY: 6 hours + 3 hours correspondence courses

HOW: Register online:

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