

# Wildwood at home August 2015

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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. [Urge your U.S. Senators to support the Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act.](http://tinyurl.com/AHFYCA) (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!](http://tinyurl.com/SenAgCom) (or type into your browser: <http://tinyurl.com/SenAgCom>) Family child care providers, please use the name of your program on the "organization" line!

Just a Reminder...  
The last day we can  
accept **original**  
May claims or  
upward revisions is  
August 24, 2015.

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](http://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*

