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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Child and Adult Care Food Program; National Average Payment Rates, Day Care Home Food Service Payment Rates and Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsors of Day Care Homes for the Period July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the annual adjustments to the national average payment rates for meals served in child care, outside-school-hours care and adult day care centers, the food service payment rates for meals served in day care homes, and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsors of day care homes to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Further adjustments are made to these rates to reflect the higher costs of providing meals in the States of Alaska and Hawaii. The adjustments contained in this notice are required by the statutes and regulations governing the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Eadie, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.558 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3587).

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

Definitions

The terms used in this notice shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the regulations governing the CACFP (7 CFR Part 226).

Background

Pursuant to Sections 4, 11 and 17 of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1759a and 1766), Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) and Sections 226.4, 226.12 and 226.13 of the regulations governing the CACFP (7 CFR Part 226), notice is hereby given of the new payment rates for participating institutions. These rates shall be in effect during the period July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996.

As provided for under the NSLA and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, all rates in the CACFP must be prescribed annually on July 1 to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for the most recent 12-month period. In accordance with this mandate, the Department last published the adjusted national average payment rates for centers, the food service payment rates for day care homes and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsors of day care homes on July 6, 1994 at 59 FR 34590 (for the period July 1, 1994-June 30, 1995). The payment rates for the period July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 are:

ALL STATES EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII

Meals Served in CENTERS—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Breakfasts (Paid, Free, Reduced) and Lunches and Suppers (Paid, Free, Reduced).

ALL STATES EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII—Continued

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Supplements (Paid, Free, Reduced).

Meals Served in DAY CARE HOMES—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Breakfasts, Lunches and Suppers, Supplements.

ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes—Per Home/Per Month Rates in Dollars:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Initial 50 day care homes, Next 150 day care homes, Next 800 day care homes, Additional day care homes.

1 These rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash-in-lieu of commodities) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. Notices announcing the value of commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities are published separately in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Pursuant to Section 12(f) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1760(f)), the Department adjusts the payment rates for participating institutions in the States of Alaska and Hawaii. The new payment rates for Alaska are as follows: ALASKA

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Alaska—Meals Served in CENTERS—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Breakfasts (Paid, Free, Reduced), Lunches and Suppers (Paid, Free, Reduced), Supplements (Paid, Free, Reduced).

Alaska—Meals Served in DAY CARE HOMES—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Rate. Rows include Breakfasts, Lunches and Suppers, Supplements.

ALASKA—Continued

Alaska—ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes—Per Home/Per Month Rates in Dollars:

Initial 50 day care homes	115
Next 150 day care homes	88
Next 800 day care homes	69
Additional day care homes ...	60

¹ These rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash-in-lieu of commodities) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. Notices announcing the value of commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities are published separately in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

The new payment rates for Hawaii are as follows:

HAWAII

Hawaii—Meals Served in CENTERS—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Breakfasts:	
Paid2175
Free	1.1575
Reduced8575
Lunches and Suppers: ¹	
Paid2025
Free	2.1025
Reduced	1.7025
Supplements:	
Paid0525
Free5775
Reduced2875

Hawaii—Meals Served in DAY CARE HOMES—Per Meal Rates in Dollars or Fractions thereof:

Breakfasts9775
Lunches and Suppers	1.80
Supplements5375

Hawaii—ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes—Per Home/Per Month Rates in Dollars:

Initial 50 day care homes	83
Next 150 day care homes	63
Next 800 day care homes	50
Additional day care homes ...	44

¹ These rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash-in-lieu of commodities) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. Notices announcing the value of commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities are published separately in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

The changes in the national average payment rates and the food service payment rates for day care homes reflect a 2.27 percent increase during the 12-month period May 1994 to May 1995 (from 145.3 in May 1994 to 148.6 in

May 1995) in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The changes in the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes reflect a 3.18 percent increase during the 12-month period May 1994 to May 1995 (from 147.5 in May 1994 to 152.2 in May 1995) in the series for all items of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

The total amount of payments available to each State agency for distribution to institutions participating in the program is based on the rates contained in this notice.

Authority: Sections 4(b)(2), 11(a), 17(c) and 17(f)(3)(B) of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1759(a), 1766) and section 4(b)(1)(B) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1773b).

Dated: June 26, 1995.

William Ludwig,
Administrator.

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National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs; National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the annual adjustments to: (1) The "national average payments," the amount of money the Federal Government provides States for lunches, meal supplements and breakfasts served to children participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; (2) the "maximum reimbursement rates," the maximum per lunch rate from Federal funds that a State can provide a school food authority for lunches served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program; and (3) the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to nonneedy children in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. The payments and rates are prescribed on an annual basis each July. The annual payments and rates adjustments for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs reflect changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects

changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products. These payments and rates are in effect from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FCS, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.553, No. 10.555 and No. 10.556 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

Background

Special Milk Program for Children

Pursuant to section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1772), the Department announces the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to nonneedy children in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. This rate is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products (Code 0231), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

For the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to a nonneedy child in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program is 11.25 cents. This reflects an increase of 1.4 percent in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products (Code 0231) from May 1994 to May 1995 (from a level of 121.1 in May 1994 to 122.8 in May 1995).

As a reminder, schools or institutions with pricing programs which elect to serve milk free to eligible children continue to receive the average cost of a half-pint of milk (the total cost of all milk purchased during the claim period divided by the total number of