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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Residential Child Care Institutions
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FROM: Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD *AFB*
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RE: **SY 2023-2024 Operational Memo #20 – Income Eligibility Guidelines**

USDA published its annual notice adjusting the Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Priced Meals on February 20, 2024. The annual adjustment of the guidelines will be **effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

The annual adjustments are required by Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at 302-857-3356.

Attachment: Income Eligibility Guidelines 24-25

Cc: Nutrition Team



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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Effective Date: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

These are the income scales used by Child Nutrition Programs to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals.

Household Size	Free Meals – 130%					Reduced Meals – 185%				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$816	\$753	\$377	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$1,108	\$1,022	\$511	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$1,455	\$728
3	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$1,399	\$1,291	\$646	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,560	\$780	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,982	\$1,829	\$915	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$2,098	\$1,049	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,986	\$1,493
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$2,565	\$2,367	\$1,184	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$3,369	\$1,685
8	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$2,856	\$2,636	\$1,318	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$3,752	\$1,876
For each additional household member, add:	\$6,994	\$583	\$292	\$269	\$135	\$9,953	\$830	\$415	\$383	\$192