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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Residential Child Care Institutions
Other Appropriate Personnel

FROM: Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD 
Director, Nutrition Programs

RE: **SY 25-26 Operational Memo #3**
Reimbursement Rates July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released reimbursement rates for the 2025-2026 School Year.

The rate sheet is attached to this memo for your reference and DENARS has been updated to include the new rates.

Attachment: 2025-2026 Reimbursement Rates SNP

cc: Nutrition Team

School Nutrition Programs

Reimbursement Rates Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

National School Lunch Program	Less Than 60%	Less Than 60% Plus Additional 9 Cents	60% or More	60% or More Plus 9 Cents
Paid	\$0.44	\$0.53	\$0.46	\$0.55
Reduced Price	\$4.20	\$4.29	\$4.22	\$4.31
Free	\$4.60	\$4.69	\$4.62	\$4.71

School Breakfast Program	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need
Paid Meals	\$0.40	\$0.40
Reduced Price Meals	\$2.16	\$2.64
Free Meals	\$2.46	\$2.94

After School Snacks	
Paid Snacks	\$0.11
Reduced Price Snacks	\$0.63
Free Snacks	\$1.26

Special Milk Program	
All Options	\$0.2675