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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Residential Child Care Institutions
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FROM: Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD 
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RE: **SY 2026-2027 Operational Memo #1**
Reimbursement Rates July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The rate sheet is attached to this memo for your reference.

Attachment: 2026-2027 Reimbursement Rates SNP

cc: DDOE Nutrition Team

School Nutrition Programs

Reimbursement Rates Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

National School Lunch Program	Less Than 60%	Less Than 60% Plus Additional 9 Cents	60% or More	60% or More Plus 9 Cents
Paid	\$0.45	\$0.54	\$0.47	\$0.56
Reduced Price	\$4.36	\$4.45	\$4.38	\$4.47
Free	\$4.76	\$4.85	\$4.78	\$4.87

School Breakfast Program	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need
Paid Meals	\$0.42	\$0.42
Reduced Price Meals	\$2.24	\$2.75
Free Meals	\$2.54	\$3.05

After School Snacks	
Paid Snacks	\$0.12
Reduced Price Snacks	\$0.65
Free Snacks	\$1.30

Value of Donated Foods \$0.32

Special Milk Program	
All Options	\$0.2800