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Newsletter

Evergreen Child Care, Inc.  
*Child Nutrition Program*





# EXPIRING: PANDEMIC ERA FLEXIBILITIES & FUNDING

Why are these changes happening?

A bill that congress passed in response to the pandemic, the *Keep Kids Fed Act*, is expiring.

The *public health emergency* due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been declared over.

## DETAILS

The Act addressed many of the needs for schools, summer meals, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). For the purpose of this brief, the focus will be on the CACFP. The Keep Kids Fed Act enabled CACFP operators to:

- Receive an **additional 10 cents** for every creditable CACFP meal or snack served (two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal). This is for all CACFP programs.
  - This was for one year only and will **expire on June 30, 2023**
- Eliminated, for one year, area eligibility for family child care providers. **All family child care providers were paid tier I rates (the highest rate possible)** regardless of where their homes were located or their own income or the income of the families for whom they care.
  - This will **expire on June 30, 2023**, and providers who are tier II will be paid at the tier II rates beginning July 1, 2023.
- Enabled USDA to extend **no-cost nationwide waivers** throughout the school year 2022-2023 as well as meal pattern waivers.
  - This will **expire on June 30, 2023**
  - Remote monitoring is ending and all monitoring visits will be in person

## WHAT ARE MY FCC REIMBURSEMENT RATES GOING TO BE?

Reimbursement rates are published by USDA in the Federal Register in July of every year. For **family child care providers** they are based on the Consumer Price Index, Food at Home. These are the rates for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. **It is difficult to predict what these rates will be.**

*If* the rates were to stay exactly as they are:

- Tier I reimbursement rates would be 10 cents less than they currently are so for example lunch would be \$2.94 instead of \$3.04.
- Tier II reimbursement rates would reflect the tier II rates. For example, tier II providers would receive \$1.78 for lunch.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

We know you're still experiencing the emotional trauma and budgetary fall out of the last three years and just because the stated public health emergency is over does not mean it is over for you. Contact your representatives in Congress and tell them your story. The Roundtable works to lift up your voice to policymakers and leaders. Share your story directly with Samantha at [samantha@ccfproundtable.org](mailto:samantha@ccfproundtable.org) or [stories@ccfproundtable.org](mailto:stories@ccfproundtable.org).

# In Person Monitoring Visits & Traditional Meal Service Times will be back as of **July 1, 2023**



The waivers that currently allow us to work remotely and have flexible meal service times are set to expire on June 30, 2023.

As of July 1, 2023 Evergreen is set to start conducting monitoring visits in person.

With the meal service time waiver, some providers opted to have their dinner before 4PM and meals have less than 2 hour spacing between meals. Please review your current schedule and contact us before June 30, 2023 to update your schedule to comply with the traditional meal service times. Please ensure that your meal services start on or before the following times:

- **Breakfast: after 7AM and before 9 AM**
- **AM Snack: after 9 AM (two hours after breakfast and/or two hours before lunch)**
- **Lunch: between 11 AM to 1:30 PM**
- **PM Snack: two hours after Lunch or two hours before dinner**
- **Dinner: after 4 PM to 7PM**

***Must have at least 2 hour space between each meal and 3 hour space between each major meal.***

# Happy Birthday *Evergreen Providers!*

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