



**CACFP—Stay  
Connected Quarterly  
Webinar**



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**Welcome!**

Hi! I am Jessie  
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# Agenda

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- Introduction
- CACFP News
- Administrative Review Best Practices Discussion





# CACFP News





# Cambridge Community Center

Concord, CA

# Farm to CACFP Initiative



- CDSS Website:
  - Toolkits and Guides
  - Training
  - Community of Practice
  - Funding Opportunities
- Email:
  - [Farm2CACFP@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Farm2CACFP@dss.ca.gov)



# Program Integrity (PI) Final Rule

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- Final Rule Published August 23, 2023
- 13 Total Provisions aimed to increase Program Integrity in CACFP
  - 7 have been implemented
  - 6 still in progress
- Learn more at:
  - [Child Nutrition: Program Integrity Final Rule](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/cacfp/resources/program-integrity-final-rule)  
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/cacfp/resources/program-integrity-final-rule>
  - Or email [CACFPInfo@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CACFPInfo@dss.ca.gov)



# PI Final Rule – What's Next

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- Additional Provision Implementation
- Feedback Opportunities
  - State Agency Review Requirement
  - Financial Review of Sponsoring Orgs in CACFP
  - Fines for Violating Program Requirements
- Continuous Quality Improvement





# Administrative Review Best Practices

Discussion with Field Services Bureau and Operators



# Field Services Bureau Panelists

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Jessica Dailey-  
Keithline,  
Bureau Chief



Marianne  
Zamierowski,  
Child Nutrition  
Supervisor II



Oby Okoye,  
Child Nutrition  
Consultant



Bose Labisi,  
Child Nutrition  
Consultant



# Featured Guest Panelists

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Stephanie Prideaux,  
AltaMed Health Services



Violet Oquendo,  
Options for Learning



# Discussion Moderator

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Cathy Hardin,  
Program Integrity and  
Data Section Chief





# Administrative Review Questions & Answers

with Oby Okoye and Bose Labisi



# Eligibility Question 1

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**Question:** Can meal benefit forms (MBFs) be older than 12 months?

**Answer:** No, MBFs should not be older than 12 months

# Eligibility Question 2

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**Question:** Does eligibility data have to be supported by using valid MBFs and eligibility rosters for the reporting month?

**Answer:** Yes, MBFs and rosters must be available to support eligibility data in the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System



# Eligibility Question 3

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**Question:** What are the criteria for For-Profit agencies to claim monthly meal reimbursement?

**Answer:** For for-profit child care centers and for-profit outside-school-hours care centers, at least 25 percent (enrolled or licensed capacity, whichever is less) of children in care are eligible for free or reduced-price (F/RP) meals or are Title XX beneficiaries. For for-profit adult day care centers, at least 25 percent of enrolled adult participants are Title XIX or Title XX beneficiaries.

# Meal Counts Question

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**Question:** Are agencies required to keep accurate point-of-service meal count records?

**Answer:** Yes, record meal counts at the time of meal service (except for At-Risk Afterschool, Emergency Shelters, and Day Care Homes)



# Meal Requirements Question 1

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**Question:** Are grain-based desserts allowed in the CACFP?

**Answer:** No, grain-based desserts cannot count towards the grain requirement to help reduce the amount of added sugar and saturated fats that children and adults consume

# Meal Requirements Question 2

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**Question:** When serving commercially processed foods that credit toward more than one meal component, should the agency keep Child Nutrition (CN) labels or Product Formulation Statements (PFS)?

**Answer:** Yes, either CN labels or PFS should be kept



# Fiscal Accountability Question

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**Question:** What are some examples of unallowable expenses?

**Answer:** Anything unrelated to the meal program (e.g., coffee and shampoo)

# Best Practices for Providing Nutritious Meals

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- Support mothers who choose to breastfeed their infants
- Make at least one of the two required components of snack a vegetable or a fruit
- Serve a variety of fruits and choose whole fruits





# More Best Practices for Providing Nutritious Meals

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- Provide more than one serving of whole grain-rich menu items per day
- Avoid serving non-creditable foods that are sources of added sugars
- In adult day care centers, offer and make water available to adults upon their request throughout the day

# Key Takeaways

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- CACFP Branch uses an equity-focus and person-centered approach with our Operators
- We are here for any questions you have for your administrative review
- We want you to succeed!



# Poll Question

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What topics related to CACFP data are you interested in hearing more about?

- Participation trends before, during, after COVID-19 pandemic
- Frequency of administrative review findings and fiscal action
- CACFP mapping and access in California



# Save the Date for the next webinar!

July 31, 2024

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.





# Thank you

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