

Bureau Notes May 5, 2014

Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services – Monthly Updates and Reminders 1 of 2

Please share this information with the appropriate staff responsible for content area covered in this notice.

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director: This information was emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director. Please review the information listed below and the posted documents and take the necessary action. This information is emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director in each School Food Authority (SFA). If you desire additional staff members to receive the monthly emails please send me their contact information and I will add them to the distribution list.

Sincerely,
Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant

New Location on web page: The Monthly Memos and Update - Schools are posted on our web page at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/quick-links-nutrition>.

State reimbursement zero for March to June

Each year we expend all of the funds provided by the state for state reimbursement. Meals served from July to February earn state reimbursement and meals served from March to June don't. We do a final state reimbursement payment of remaining state funds in May and the amount is added to the April reimbursement and identified at the bottom of the April Recap screen in the Claim section of the CNP2000 system. We will have FY15 state reimbursement starting in July. The school will continue to earn and receive federal meal reimbursement for all meals in March/April/May/June.

Lunch Line - Spring 2014

The Spring, 2014, Lunch Line is posted at the link below.

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/documents/lunchline/2014/05/spring-2014-lunch-line>

REMINDER:

Adult Meal Price FY15

For FY15, the adult meal price must be at least \$3.27 (\$2.93 free reimbursement rate plus .06 Performance Based Certification reimbursement plus .2775 USDA Food per-meal rate). FY15 SFA applications will not be approved until the adult meal price is at least \$3.27. Please take the necessary action now to ensure compliance.

Food Safety Inspection reported on CNP2000 –DUE May 15

The food safety/health inspections are reported via the CNP 2000 web based system at: <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/CNP/security.asp>. On the green navigation bar select "Health Inspections". On the next screen, click on "Health Inspection," click on Program year **2014**, click on "select," and complete the report. The number of food safety/health inspections that each

school/site had must be reported by **May 15, 2014**, which is earlier than stated on the 2013-2014 calendar. If you are not responsible for the food safety inspections, please inform the appropriate individual. Questions may be directed to your area consultant or Deb Linderblood, Consultant, at 515-281-5663 or Deb.Linderblood@iowa.gov.

SP 35-2014: Entrees Related to the Smart Snacks in School Standards

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the status of grain-only items as entrées under the Interim Final Rule titled “National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP): Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010,” also known as the Smart Snacks in School rule.

“Entrée item” is defined in the Smart Snacks in School rule as “an item that is either: (i) A combination food of meat or meat alternate and whole grain rich food; or (ii) A combination food of vegetable or fruit and meat or meat alternate; or (iii) A meat or meat alternate alone with the exception of yogurt, low-fat or reduced fat cheese, nuts, seeds and nut or seed butters, and meat snacks (such as dried beef jerky).” The interim final rule does not include grain-only items as entrée items. However, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) understands this may limit the availability of products which are healthy choices that students are accustomed to having for breakfast. Therefore, a school food authority (SFA) is permitted to determine which item(s) are the entrée items for breakfasts offered as part of the SBP.

Smart Snacks in School Webinar

Smart Snacks in School webinar will be held for school staff and wellness committees to learn more about the competitive foods, "Smart Snacks" USDA regulations that go into effect July 1, 2014. Competitive foods are foods and beverages sold outside of a reimbursable meal. The webinar will address the changes from Healthy Kids Act to Smart Snacks and provide an overview of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation calculator. Two webinar opportunities are listed below. For more information, contact Patti Delger at patti.delger@iowa.gov.

[Thursday, May 22nd – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, May 28th – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.](#)