



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Nutrition Services

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SUBJECT: Eligibility of For-Profit Centers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

LEGAL AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § 20-1A-4; 7 C.F.R. § 226.6; Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004

Cross Reference/See Also:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria by which for-profit childcare centers are eligible to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

II. APPLIES TO

This policy applies to all for-profit childcare centers and outside school hours care centers participating in the CACFP.

III. DEFINITION(S)

"Administrative sponsor" means a non-profit organization which is entirely responsible for administration of the Program in any combination of two or more child care centers, adult day care centers, and outside-school-hours care centers which are not part of the same legal entity as the sponsoring organization.

"Center sponsor" means means one organization which is entirely responsible for administration of the Program in any combination of two or more child care centers, adult day care centers, and outside-school-hours care centers which are part of the same legal entity as the sponsoring organization.

"Outside-school-hours care center" means a public or private nonprofit organization, or a proprietary title XX center licensed or approved to provide organized nonresidential child care

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services to enrolled children outside of school hours.

" Sponsor" or "Sponsoring organization" means a public or private nonprofit organization that is responsible for administering the food program for one or more child and adult care facilities.(7 C.F.R. § 226.2)

IV. POLICY

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) works to ensure that participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meet all applicable program requirements under Federal law and regulations. The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 permanently establishes that for-profit centers may participate in the CACFP if at least 25 percent of the licensed capacity or enrollment, whichever is less, are eligible for free or reduced price meals. For-profit centers may also continue to qualify for CACFP participation if at least 25 percent of enrollment or licensed capacity (whichever is less) receive title XX compensation.

DECAL requires that for-profit free/reduced price centers use Title XX documentation, first, to qualify in the CACFP. If the center does not meet the 25 percent Title XX threshold, then the center may use free/reduced price meal documentation. However, the center may not combine Title XX children with children receiving free and reduced price meals in order to meet the 25 percent threshold. The center must qualify based on either free/reduced price meal or Title XX documentation, but not both for each month claimed for reimbursement.

V. PROCEDURE(S)

Claim Submission:

Normal procedures for completing a claim for reimbursement should be followed when qualifying based on Title XX documentation or free/reduced price meal documentation. When filing a claim in GA ATLAS, the institution must indicate the number of children receiving Title XX benefits even if the center does not qualify based on the 25% Title XX threshold. If the institution qualifies based on the Title XX threshold, GA ATLAS will recognize this and process the claim accordingly. If the institution does not qualify based on the 25 percent Title XX threshold, GA ATLAS will automatically verify the number of children who qualified for free and reduced priced meals. If the institution qualifies based on the 25 percent free and reduced price meal threshold, GA ATLAS will process the claim accordingly.

Center Sponsors: Since centers may use either Title XX or free/reduced priced meal documentation to qualify, center sponsors should indicate the number of Title XX participants

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enrolled in each eligible center or free/reduced priced participants enrolled in each eligible center in the applicable column. Center sponsors should remember, however, that each sponsored center must qualify individually based on the 25 percent Title XX or 25 percent free/reduced priced meals eligibility.

As referenced earlier, centers may not combine Title XX children with children receiving free and reduced price meals in order to meet the 25 percent threshold.

VI. COMMENT(S)

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Policy Administrator at (404) 651-8193.