

August NSLP/SBP Claims for Reimbursement

Good morning SFSAs,

At this time we are still unsure if SFSP will be considered active at the completion of an approved contract, the announcement date of August 31, or even back to the beginning of school. For many schools it would be advantageous to claim meals under the SFSP vs. NSLP/SBP. For those SFAs, **we continue to ask you to not file an August claim for reimbursement until USDA issues guidance.**

However, due to various reasons, a small number of SFAs have decided to not pursue SFSP reimbursements for August if offered by USDA. The single most common reason is due to the complexity of calculating and issuing potentially thousands of refunds. For those SFAs, we are reopening the MARS NSLP/SBP claims functionality as of 9:00 am today, Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

As the OCN has directed SFAs to not file claims, you may miss the 10 day deadline for submitting claims for reimbursement. Please retain a copy of this email in the event of questions by an auditor.

We continue to await USDA guidance and will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

Thanks,
Scott

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