

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Forms and Procedures

The CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care by providing partial meal reimbursements. The following messages are reminders about CACFP forms and procedures for Illinois Providers.

Claim and Meal Attendance

The Claim is the form used each month to document the foods served and children in attendance at CACFP meals and snacks. Claims can be submitted on paper using ACD's menus or online using KidKare.

For each meal and snack that you serve and want to claim for reimbursement, record the meal or snack components and the children's attendance on the Claim before midnight on the day that the meals and snacks are served. **You may not record attendance on the Claim before the children begin eating.**

Online claims should be submitted to ACD electronically after the last meal or snack of the month has been served.

After you have served the last meal or snack of the month and your Claim is complete, mail or submit your Claim to the ACD Office. Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) may refuse your reimbursement claim if it arrives at the ACD Office more than 60 days after the end of the month claimed. Please keep the second copy of your Claim for your files.

Online Claiming

KidKare is the free, online claiming program that ACD offers in partnership with Minute Menu Systems. Online claiming is available to all ACD Providers.

Benefits of Online Claiming:

KidKare is an all-in-one application to help manage every aspect of your child care business. Online claiming lets you:

- ✔ **Submit reimbursement claims online.** This reduces posts costs, mail delays, errors, and the need for claiming with bubble menus.
- ✔ **Manage all information** related to each child in your care, such as emergency contacts, medical information, birthdays, special diets, etc.

Direct Deposit

For your convenience, you may request that ACD deposit your monthly CACFP reimbursement into one checking or savings account of your choice.

To access your deposit statement, please log in to your KidKare account. Click on "Review Claims" and select the desired month. Under "Choose a Report," select "Claim Summary and Error Letter".

If you have difficulty logging in or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Department at (800) 234-3287.

To sign up for direct deposit, please call the ACD office at **(800) 284-5273** and request that a Direct Deposit Authorization Form be mailed or faxed to you or visit www.acdkids.org and print one.

Holiday Notes

- ✔ Certain holidays require separate notes of explanation written and signed by parents or guardians. Holidays requiring notes of explanation are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- ✔ You will not be reimbursed for meals or snacks served to children claimed on a holiday without a separate note of explanation written and signed by their parents or guardians.

Meal Counts

Your Provider/Sponsor Permanent Agreement states that you will not claim more than the following (per child, per day):

- ➡ **Two meals and one snack**
- OR**
- ➡ **Two snacks and one meal**

According to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), you may not record more than these amounts on your monthly claim.

Income Eligibility

Provider Household Income Eligibility Application

A Provider Household Income Eligibility Application may be completed if you do not qualify for Tier 1 rates (based on school or census data) and want to apply for these higher rates based on your household income, or, if you qualify for Tier 1 Rates, based on school or census data, and want to apply to claim your own, residential, or foster children for CACFP reimbursement. The application must be complete, correct, and have all supporting documentation. **A correct, complete, and approved Provider Household Income Eligibility Application is valid for one year.**

Enrollment Forms

The Child Enrollment Form enrolls children in your care to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). In order to be reimbursed for meals and snacks served, ACD must receive a Child Enrollment Form before or with the first Claim that includes the child. The Child Enrollment Form must be accurate and signed by a parent/guardian.

Submit a completed Child Enrollment Form when a child first comes into your care. Enrollment Forms must be renewed annually.

Note: For infants not participating in the CACFP, you must select "nonparticipating" in the special information section of the enrollment form.

Schedule Change

Any time there is a long-term (more than two weeks) or permanent schedule change for a child who has a Child Enrollment Form on file with ACD, you must submit a new Child Enrollment Form indicating the new schedule.

Monthly Claim Checklist

Included schedule changes for children whose schedules have changed long-term (more than two weeks) or permanently.

Manual Claimers Only: Wrote messages on the back of my Child Information Form (CIF) explaining short-term (two weeks or less) schedule changes or children in attendance outside of their "normal" schedule. Example: school days out or sick days.

Online Claimers Only: Recorded schedule changes or children in attendance outside of their "normal" schedule in KidKare. Select "School Out" or "Sick" on the correct days.

Recorded meal or snack attendance on the Claim no later than the end of the day on which the meals or snacks were served.

Documented components served at each meal or snack. All components served meet the prescribed USDA nutrition guidelines, unless, due to a medical condition, a child's diet deviates from the prescribed guidelines and a Doctor's Food Substitution Form is on file with ACD.

Signed the bottom of EACH page (if using "bubble" forms). I understand that if all pages are not signed my reimbursement cannot be issued until all pages are signed and certified as accurate.

Provided a note written and signed by the parent/guardian for reimbursement of meals served on these holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Ensured no more than two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per child, per day were claimed.

Looking for a form or handout on our website? Go to www.acdkids.org and select "Illinois Forms and Handouts" under the Illinois Tab!

Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions or to request a particular form or handout. We are happy to help! (800) 284-5273!

SPECIAL INFO:	12. SPECIAL INFORMATION
Participates in CACFP: YES	DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED
Special Needs: NO	<input type="radio"/> SPECIAL DIET
Special Diet: NO	<input type="radio"/> NON-PARTICIPATING
If either are YES, attach a:	<input type="radio"/> SPECIAL NEEDS
	<input type="radio"/> MIGRANT WORKER'S

The Child Enrollment Form must be verified and signed by the child's parent or guardian only. You may be terminated from the CACFP for signing this form for the parents or guardians. Before submitting a completed Child Enrollment Form to ACD for a new child in your care, review it for complete and correct information.

You may be reimbursed for only the meals and snacks that fall within the child's schedule times in care as documented on the Child Enrollment Form.



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