At-Risk Afterschool Meals

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP offers federal funding to afterschool programs that serve a meal or snack to children in low-income areas.

Requirements

- The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program is only available during the school year.
- Meals and snacks may be reimbursed if they are served on “non-school days” (weekends, holidays, vacation periods) if these non-school days occur during the school year.
- Meals served must meet CACFP Meal Patterns.
- Snacks must contain two of the five components (minimum portion sizes for 6-18 year olds):
  - Milk: 1 cup
  - Meat/Meat Alternate: 1 oz M/MA
  - Vegetable: ¾ cup
  - Fruit: ¾ cup
  - Grains: 1 serving
- The serving time of meals may depend on the day.
  - School days: Only after the end of the child’s school day; one meal and/or one snack.
  - Non-school days: One meal and/or one snack.
- There are no Federal licensing requirements, but State and local health and safety standards must be met.
- Organizations choosing to purchase meals from another organization must have an annual food service agreement.
- USDA Civil Rights guidelines must be followed.
- Sponsors of multiple sites must review each At-Risk site three times per year. The first review of a new site must be conducted during the first four weeks of operation.

Record Keeping

- Meal Claiming:
  - Daily attendance rosters / sign in sheets
  - Point of service meal count records
  - Menus for all meals demonstrating meal pattern requirements are met
    - Keep labels for foods requiring documentation to demonstrate creditability and/or how it contributes to the meal pattern
  - Vended meals: number of meals prepared and delivered

- Fiscal Management:
  - Copies of invoices, receipts, or other records required to document administrative costs claimed and operating costs
  - Copies of all claims submitted to OSPI CNS
  - Receipts from all program payments received from OSPI CNS
  - If applicable, information concerning dates and amount if disbursement to sponsored centers

Reference

- 7CFR 226
- 7CFR 210.9(c)(7)
- CACFP 15-2012 Health and Safety Standards
- CACFP 08-2012 At-Risk Afterschool Meals - Questions and Answers

Resources

- On-site Review Form
- Meal Count / Menu Record
- USDA At-Risk Website
- USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals Handbook

Acronym Reference

- CACFP Child and Adult Care Food Program
- OSPI CNS Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Child Nutrition Services
- USDA United States Department of Agriculture

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