



Keep Kids Fed Act

Fact Sheet



1 What is the Keep Kids Fed Act?

In 2022, the USDA was given the power by Congress to provide schools and meal program operators with the necessary flexibility to keep feeding children. Despite the pandemic being under control, issues such as increased food insecurity and supply chain disruptions persisted. To address this, the Keep Kids Fed Act, led by Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow and Ranking Member John Boozman, was extended for another year to offer support and flexibility for schools and meal providers facing food cost spikes.

2 What did the Keep Kids Fed Act do?

- Extended USDA's authority to issue nationwide waivers that increased Federal costs for summer meal programs through September 2022.
- Provided temporary additional reimbursements for the school year 2022-2023 (SY 22-23) of:
 - 40 cents per lunch served through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP);
 - 15 cents per breakfast served through the School Breakfast Program (SBP); and
 - 10 cents per meal or snack served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which includes the At-Risk Afterschool Program.
- Provided all CACFP family day care homes with the higher "Tier 1" reimbursement rate for SY 22-23.
- Allowed USDA to issue limited nationwide waivers that do not increase Federal costs during SY 22-23.

3 What about now?

When the Keep Kids Fed Act expires, the Tier II reimbursement rates for all Family Day Care Homes will be reinstated, and the additional 10 cents per meal or snack served in the CACFP will no longer be available. Some may question whether participating in the program is worthwhile if the reimbursement doesn't cover the full cost of food expenses. However, many providers are realizing the potential of using the reimbursement to invest in their business and help it grow.



4 Why the Food Program is worth it?

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As a caregiver to six children, you could receive

\$4,038

(\$673 per child x 6)

annually with the lowest Tier rates.

