

Dear Parent or Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_ is enrolled in the CACFP, a USDA program which

(Name of Agency)

provides federal assistance dollars to eligible child care centers for serving more nutritious meals. The amount of money our agency receives from this program is based on the income levels of our families. **In order to continue providing a quality meal service without additional charge, we request every family of our enrolled children to complete new a Household Size-Income Statement form (HSIS) each year. Please complete and return the attached HSIS form to our office. This information will be kept strictly confidential in our files.** Only one completed HSIS is required for all children in your household. Once we have properly approved your HSIS as eligible, our agency will receive the higher ("Free" or "Reduced-price") meal reimbursement rates for your enrolled children, for 12 months from the *Effective Month of Determination* regardless of any change in your household size and/or income or termination from Benefits Programs.

• You are not required to complete this HSIS if no one in your household receives benefits from FoodShare WI (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)), FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations), Wisconsin Works Cash Assistance Programs and your household income is higher than the amount shown for your household size within the table below. In this case, however, we would appreciate you returning the HSIS to us with "N/A" written on it along with your signature and date.

**Determining Eligibility based on Participation in Benefits Programs → Complete Part 1 and Part 3 of HSIS form**

Our agency receives the Free meal reimbursement rate for children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare WI, FDPIR, or WI Works Cash Assistance.

**Wisconsin Works Cash Assistance** is Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. **It provides temporary cash assistance through work placement and training programs and IS NOT the WI Child Care Subsidy Program.** WI Works Cash Assistance Programs include Trial Employment Match Program (TEMP), Community Service Jobs (CSJ), W-2 Transitions (W-2T), Custodial Parent of an Infant (CMC), Minor Parents Services, Noncustodial Parents, and Pregnant Women.

**You must include the following information on the HSIS (a-c) for eligibility based on receiving benefits from FoodShare WI, FDPIR, WI Works Cash Assistance:**

- (a) The names of your enrolled children;
  - **DO NOT list case numbers for:** Medicaid, SSI, OR Wisconsin Child Care Subsidy program AND
- (b) Checked box for the benefit your household receives and its case number; &
- (c) The signature of an adult member in the household & signature date
  - **DO NOT list a 16 digit Quest Card number (starts with 5077) for FoodShare WI**

**Determining Eligibility by Household Size and Income → Complete Part 2 and Part 3 of HSIS form**

**Household-Size Income Scale** (Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Household Size	Annual Income Level (at or below)
1	\$ 23,828
2	\$ 32,227
3	\$ 40,626
4	\$ 49,025
5	\$ 57,424
6	\$ 65,823
7	\$ 74,222
8	\$ 82,621
For each additional Household Member, add:	+\$ 8,399

If your household earns a total income that is less than or equal to the income levels listed within this table, we will receive higher meal reimbursement rates ("Free" or "Reduced-price" meal rate) for your children.

**For determining eligibility based on your household size and income, you must include the following information on the HSIS (a-e):**

- (a) Full names of all household members who share income and expenses, including children, parents, and non-related persons;
- (b) Income received by each household member identified by source of income and its pay frequency;
- (c) Total number of household members;
- (d) The signature of an adult member of the household and signature date; and
- (e) The last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the HSIS or an indication he/she does not have a social security number.

• Disclosure of United States citizenship or immigration status is not required and is not a condition of eligibility for higher meal reimbursement rates.

**Eligibilities of Foster, Runaway, Homeless, and Migrant Children, and Children enrolled in Head Start:**

Our agency will receive the Free meal reimbursement rates for foster, runaway, homeless, and migrant children and children enrolled in Head Start who reside in your household, when you provide the respective documentation listed below.

• Please note: These children's **eligibility for Free meals does not extend to other children in your household.**

**The respective documentation is required for these children to be eligible for Free Meals:**

- **Foster children:** Your completed HSIS with the 'Foster Child' box checked next to your foster children's names. When including them on your HSIS completed for your non-foster children, any income reported for your foster children must only be for their personal use. Your foster children will then be eligible at the "Free" meal rate. Your non-foster children's eligibilities will be based on the benefits or income information provided on your household's completed HSIS form.
- **Children Enrolled In Head Start:** Written certification of your child's Head Start enrollment eligibility period from the Head Start administering agency.
- **Runaway, Homeless, and Migrant Children:** Written certification of the child's status from an official of the appropriate Runaway and Homeless Youth Program, Migrant Education Program, or school official.

**Use of Information Statement:** The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this form. You are not required to provide this information, but if you do not, our agency cannot receive higher reimbursement rates for meals served to your children. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the household member signing the form unless: the HSIS is only for your foster child(ren); you list a case number for receiving benefits from FoodShare WI, WI Works Cash Assistance, or FDPIR; or when the household member signing the HSIS checks "None" for not having a SS#.

**Sharing Eligibility Information:** Children's eligibility information may be shared in accordance with disclosure protection requirements without prior notification, with education, health, and nutrition programs to assess their eligibility for benefits. The law allows us to share your children's eligibility information with programs such as Medicaid or BadgerCare for ensuring their access to free or low cost health insurance, **unless you tell us not to.** This information may only be used for determining eligibility for their programs; if your children are eligible, they may contact you to offer their enrollment options. Please note that filling out this HSIS does not automatically enroll your children in these programs. **If you do not want your information to be shared with these programs, please notify us in writing. This notification will not change whether your children's meals are eligible for meal reimbursement.** Your eligibility information provided on the HSIS may also be shared with auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials for the purpose of investigating violations of program rules.

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Signature of Agency Representative