

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Sample Provider Letter for Family Day Care Homes

Dear Provider:

To qualify for reimbursement for meals and snacks served in your family day care home under the CACFP, you must complete and return the enclosed Income Eligibility Application. Please refer to the information below.

**Establishing eligibility as a tier I home:** To qualify for the higher Tier I reimbursement, you must be located in an area of economic need as determined by the most recent school enrollment or census data, or establish individual economic need through the Income Eligibility Application. Our office will determine your eligibility based on information provided on the Income Application. **We are required by law to verify the income information you provide.** Please include household income supporting documentation with the application. We may also inform officials of other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) households:** If you currently receive SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) or TFA, you are automatically eligible for Tier I reimbursement. Therefore, you only have to provide your name, SNAP or TFA case number, and sign the application.

**All other households:** If your household income is at or below the level in “Gross Income Guidelines for Tier I Meals” below, you are eligible for Tier I reimbursement. You must provide the following information for your application to be processed.

- **Household members:** List the names of everyone who lives in your household. Include parents, grandparents, all children, other relatives, and unrelated people who live in your household AND contribute to the household costs.
- **Social Security number:** List the last four digits of your social security number.
- **Current income:** As a self-employed day care provider, you may list the **net** income that you earned in the last month or year. Net income is defined as gross receipts (including all money received from parents for the care of their children and CACFP reimbursements) less operating expenses for your business (such as the cost of food served to enrolled children). You must also list the gross income each household member earned **last** month (*before* deductions for taxes, social security, etc.), the frequency of income and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare. If any household member’s income last month was higher or lower than usual, last year’s income may be used.

Gross Income Guidelines for Tier I Meals Effective from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020					
Number in family	Annual (yearly)	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks (biweekly)	Weekly
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Each additional family member	+ 8,177	+ 682	+ 341	+ 315	+ 158

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**Signature:** You must **sign and date** the application.

**Reapplication:** If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, or an increase in household size, fill out an application at that time. Providers having family members who become unemployed are eligible for Tier I reimbursement during the period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the family income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility standards.

**Sponsor:** *Please attach verification information.*

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