



To: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors

From: Brigitte Hires, Administrator, Office of Nutrition

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Re: Suspension and Fiscal Penalty Policy for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors with Claims Suspected of being False or Fraudulent

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to provide notification to CACFP Sponsors/Institutions of the suspension and fiscal penalty process that will occur if a Sponsor/Institution is suspected of having submitted a false or fraudulent claim(s).

Policy

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Nutrition (hereby known as the Department) administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in Ohio on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). CACFP Sponsors receive reimbursement for meals served to eligible children where the meals meet the reimbursable meal requirements. Program [regulations](#) allow the Department to suspend a Sponsor/Institution's participation in the program if the Department determines that a Sponsor/Institution has knowingly submitted a false or fraudulent claim.

Upon determination of submission of a false or fraudulent claim(s), the Department will issue the notice of suspension in accordance with program [regulations](#).

In assessing applicable fiscal penalties related to false or fraudulent claim submission, the Department will consider all program year claims submitted to date of suspension as potentially false or fraudulent and may assess fiscal penalty on any or all program year claims accordingly. Should the false or fraudulent claims submission evidence indicate involvement of prior program years, the claims submitted in the prior program years are also subject to review and fiscal penalty.

Contact your Education Program Specialist with questions regarding this policy.