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Erroneous Payments in Child Care Centers Study (EPICCS) (ALL)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is conducting a congressionally mandated study called the Erroneous Payments in Child Care Centers Study (EPICCS). The goal of the study is to estimate erroneous payments in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which will help maximize the efficiency of meal tracking and reporting.

Your center (or one or more of your sponsored centers) may be part of the 450 CACFP centers from across the country that have been randomly selected for participation in this study, which will be collected on behalf of the USDA by a research organization named Westat. This information is necessary to produce accurate estimates of erroneous payments.

Organizations like yours may be asked to provide information about the methods used for calculating reimbursements, such as meals claimed on a per-child basis or using a percentage.

If selected, this survey takes less than 20 minutes and can be accessed using a unique link provided to you in the survey notification letter and email.

Your voluntary participation is important for USDA to ensure accurate results in EPICCS and comply with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Results from this study will help inform future legislation and regulations for the child care center component of the CACFP.

If selected, all your information will be used for research purposes only and kept confidential to the full extent of the law. Your participation will not affect meal reimbursements or meal program benefits for Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, your organization and child care centers, or any households participating at your centers.

If you have any questions, please contact KaTysha Sirleaf at 1-855-391-3379 or EPICCS@westat.com. You may also refer to this website for more information: www.epiccs.org

Proposed Rule-Child Nutrition Programs: Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – Extended Deadline for Comments (ALL)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has extended the deadline to submit comments on the [Child Nutrition Programs: Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans \(DGA\)](#) proposed rule to May 10, 2023. This extension is intended to give the public additional time to review the proposed rule and submit comments.

CACFP Operators interested in learning more about these updates may benefit from reviewing additional resources on the [USDA Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 DGAs Proposed Rule – CACFP Impact](#) web page.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Online by going to the [Proposed Rule](#) web page and selecting Submit a Formal Comment
- By mail to the School Meals Policy Division, Food and Nutrition Service, P.O. Box 9233, Reston, Virginia, 20195

Once the comment period closes, the USDA will review comments and develop final standards with implementation beginning in the Fall of 2024.

