



## Summer Food Service Program vs. Seamless Summer Option

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS)  
Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
(DESE)  
School Food Services



| Topic   | Summer Food Service Program—<br>MDHSS  |                 | Seamless Summer Option—DESE   |        |   |
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| <b>Contract or Application Agreement</b>          | Requires contract w/MDHSS  |                 | Piggybacks on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application agreement  |        |   |
| <b>Application and Budget Requirements</b>        | User-friendly, on-line application, budget and site information sheets   |                 | Approval is required for each site  |        |   |
| <b>Record-Keeping</b>                             | Maintain program documentation as described in SFSP handbooks. <b>Simplified cost accounting!</b>  |                 | Continue to collect and retain records as in NSLP   |        |   |
| <b>Eligible Meal Types</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Lunch/Supper</li> <li>• Snack</li> </ul>   |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Lunch/Supper</li> <li>• Snack</li> </ul>  |        |   |
| <b>Maximum Number of Meals Per Child, Per Day</b> | Two  |                 | Two   |        |   |
| <b>Reimbursement Rates</b>                        | Breakfast  | <b>\$1.8800</b> | Breakfast   | \$1.48 | Seamless Summer rates are current through June 30, 2011 |
|   | Lunch  | <b>\$3.2925</b> | Lunch   | \$2.72 |   |
|   | Snack  | <b>\$0.7750</b> | Snack   | \$0.74 |   |
| <b>Severe Need</b>                                | Same as above  |                 | Breakfast   | \$1.76 |   |
|   |  |                 | Lunch   | \$2.74 |   |
| <b>Commodities</b>                                | 1.5¢ commodity entitlement per meal (schools may use NSLP and SFSP commodities interchangeably)  |                 | May use regular school-year NSLP commodities  |        |   |
| <b>Monitoring</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School District must perform on-site review for each site in the 1st and 4th weeks of SFSP operations</li> <li>• MDHSS will review School District during the first year of SFSP operations and at least once every three years thereafter</li> </ul> |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School district must perform on-site review for each site within first three weeks of Seamless Summer operations</li> <li>• If a CRE review is conducted during the 10-11 school year, DESE will review Seamless Summer program in 2011</li> </ul> |        |   |

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| <p><b>Site Eligibility</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Area (where at least 50% of children at the school qualify for free/reduced price meals)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Enrollment (where at least 50% of children enrolled in Summer Program qualify for free/reduced price meals, as supported by Income Eligibility Forms (IEFs))</li> </ul>               | <p>Same as SFSP</p>    |
| <p><b>Eligible Participants</b></p>    | <p>Children in low-income areas 18 years of age or younger, as well as disabled adults over age 18 enrolled in school during the regular school year</p>  | <p>Same as SFSP</p>   |
| <p><b>Public Notification</b></p>      | <p>MDHSS sends required public media notice for School District. School District is encouraged to conduct local outreach.</p>   | <p>School District is responsible for public notification.</p>  |
| <p><b>Training</b></p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School District is required to train Program staff annually.</li> <li>• Attendance at MDHSS training required for new sponsors. Encouraged thereafter but not required.</li> </ul>   | <p>School District encouraged to conduct NSLP/SBP training of local staff, but not required.</p>  |
| <p><b>Site Change Reporting</b></p>    | <p>Site changes are reported on-line, and include meal service time change, changes in operating dates, field trips, etc.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional approval is required for all site additions</li> <li>• School Districts must report meal service time changes and site closures</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Meal Pattern</b></p>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal pattern must meet standards found in SFSP regulations at 7 CFR 225.16(d)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Districts may use NSLP/SBP menu planning system used during the regular school year</li> <li>• School Districts may use offer vs. serve if they do so during the regular school year</li> </ul> | <p>NSLP/SBP meal patterns/menu planning system used during the regular school-year</p>                       |
| <p><b>Claims for Reimbursement</b></p> | <p>School Districts will be reimbursed based on the number of meals served multiplied by the meal rates shown above, which include both an administrative and operational component. <b>The “lesser of” cost comparison for SFSP reimbursement has been eliminated!</b></p>   | <p>School Districts will be reimbursed based on the number of meals served multiplied by the single meal rates shown in the Reimbursement Rates section above</p>                                 |