



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the School Child Nutrition Programs

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Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

DATE: October 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #1-13
Schedule for Submission of Online Reimbursement Claim Data

The Code of Federal Regulations for the National School Lunch Program [§ 210.8(b)(1)] outlines the time limits for submission of claims for reimbursement to State agencies by sponsors. The due date for the claim form is the 15th of the month following the last day of the month covered by the claim or as noted on the new schedule below when the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. Final claims, including revisions, must be submitted no later than 60 days following the last day of the month covered by the claim. Claims not filed or corrected within the 60 days may not be paid. The new schedule is listed on the next page.

As a reminder, sponsors must adhere to this schedule to ensure timely payment of claims. The claim system will be locked at the close of the workday on the date indicated in column 2 on the Schedule for Submission of Claims. Additionally, during a certain period every month, claims are locked due to processing. The timeframe for processing varies; therefore, if you are locked out and cannot submit your online claim, we suggest that you try daily until the claims are unlocked.

Note: If you are submitting a **late claim** that is reaching the final deadline date for submission outlined in column 4 and the claiming system is locked, you should submit this claim on the attached paper Claim for Reimbursement form. The claim instructions are also attached. ***This form may only be used for the submission of late claims that are approaching the final deadline date.*** These claims must be sent to the attention of Avis Kelly at the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, Child Nutrition Programs, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457. These forms must be postmarked no later than the date in column 4.

Questions may be directed to:

COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS	CONSULTANT	E-MAIL	PHONE
Litchfield County New London County	Fionnuala Brown	fionnuala.brown@ct.gov	860-807-2129
Fairfield County Middlesex County (towns/cities beginning with C-E) New Haven County (towns/cities beginning with A-M)	Jackie Schipke	jackie.schipke@ct.gov	860-807-2123
Middlesex County (towns/cities beginning with F-W) Tolland County Windham County	Susan Alston	susan.alston@ct.gov	860-807-2081
Hartford County New Haven County (towns/cities beginning with N-W)	Teri Dandeneau	teri.dandeneau@ct.gov	860-807-2079

**Schedule for Submission of Online Reimbursement Claim Data
 Connecticut State Department of Education
 Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education
 October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013**

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Reimbursement Claim Month	This DUE DATE is the date the claim must be received by the State Agency to ensure prompt payment	This is the date that the reimbursement claim check is due to be paid if the State Agency receives claim by the date in Column (2)	FINAL DEADLINE To receive payment, this is the final date that the claim can be submitted* to the State Agency
October 2012	November 15, 2012	December 29, 2012	December 29, 2012
November	December 14	January 29, 2013	January 29, 2013
December	January 15, 2013	March 1	March 1
January 2013	February 15	April 1	April 1
February	March 15	April 29	April 29
March	April 15	May 30	May 30
April	May 15	June 29	June 29
May	June 14	July 29	July 30
June	July 15	August 29	August 29
July	August 15	September 28	September 28
August	September 16	October 31	October 30
September	October 15	November 29	November 29

***Definition:** “Submitted” means mailed (postmarked).

1. Claims are due (received by State agency) by the date in column (2). Claims received by this date will be processed for timely payment listed in column (3).
2. Final claim data **MUST** be received “On-Line” by the date in column (4) to comply with the required time frame (60 days).
3. Claim forms (original or revised) must be submitted “On-Line” by the date in column (4) final deadline, to ensure receipt of program reimbursement. Exceptions are granted on a case-by-case basis.

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Attachments: (2)

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education
 25 Industrial Park Road
 Middletown, Connecticut 06457-1543
REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH, SCHOOL BREAKFAST, AND SPECIAL MILK
 INSTRUCTIONS

Original	_____
1 st Revision	_____
2 nd Revision	_____

1. This form is to be used for the submission of **LATE claims only**. Late claims are those claims that are approaching the **final deadline date** as indicated on the Schedule for Submission of Online Reimbursement Claim Data.
2. Complete all items using zero or N/A where appropriate.
3. Retain a copy in your files for three years.

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY:					AGREEMENT #:					CLAIM MONTH AND YEAR:						
PREPARED BY (NAME, TITLE & TELEPHONE):					DATE:					AVERAGE DAIRY COST OF ½ PINT MILK PURCHASED:						
1 School/ Site	2 Operational Information		3 Eligible Children		4 Lunches Served			5 Regular Breakfasts Served			6 Severe Need Breakfasts Served			7 Special Milk Enrolled Half Pints Served		
	A Operating days	B Total Enrolled	A Free Enrolled	B Reduced Enrolled	A Free	B Reduced	C Paid	A Free	B Reduced	C Paid	A Free	B Reduced	C Paid	A Children Eligible Free	B Free	C Paid

8. Total Number of After-School "At-Risk" Program Snacks Served:	Area Eligible Free	Income Eligible Free	Total Free	Reduced	Paid
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I certify that the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge, that records are available to support this claim, that this claim is in accordance with the terms of existing Agreements(s), and that payment has not been received.

Signature of Authorized Representative of School Food Authority

Date

Paper Claim for Reimbursement Form Instructions

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General Information	Enter the claim sequence (original or revision, as appropriate). Enter the name of the school food authority, agreement number, claim month and year, name, title and phone number of the person preparing the claim, and the date the claim was prepared.
Cost/Half Pint Milk	List the average cost per half pint of milk for the claim period. To find the average cost, add the cost of each variety (chocolate, skim, etc.) and divide by the number of different types.
Column 1	List the two digit school code assigned by the CT State Department of Education for each school/site in your district or organization. This code is assigned by the CT State Department of Education.
Column 2A	List the highest number of days you served lunch, breakfast or special milk, for the claim month for each school/site, e.g. if you served lunch 17 days and breakfast 18 days and had class 19 days during the claim month, you would enter 18 operating days for that school/site.
Column 2B	List the total number of children enrolled in each school/site for each month. This should reflect the highest census figure for any day of the month. Include Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Children if they participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program or the Special Milk Program.
Column 3A & 3B	List the <u>total number</u> of children eligible for free and reduced price meals <u>during the claim month</u> for each school/site.
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Column 7A	List the total number of the children eligible for free milk in each milk only school/site and the number of children eligible for free milk who are enrolled in split session kindergarten classes.
Column 7B & C	List the number of half pints of milk served by category (free or paid) for each school for the claim month.
Column 8	List the total number of after school snacks served in all enrolled schools. List snacks served in area eligible schools (At least 50 percent of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price meals) as area eligible free. List free snacks served in non-area eligible schools as income eligible free. Add the area eligible free and income eligible free together and list the total number of free snacks. List reduced and paid snacks served in non-area eligible schools.
Signature	One of the two representatives, as authorized on the ED-099 Agreement , must sign the claim form. The person signing the claim form must be a different individual from the person that prepared the form. If more than one page is needed to list all of the school/sites under the agreement, only the last page should be signed. On the bottom of each page list the page number and the total number of pages (Page 1 of 1, or Page 1 of 2, etc.).

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