

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**

Memorandum

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Administrators

FROM: Mary A. Young, Director
Child and Adult Care Food Program

DATE: August 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Reimbursement Rates

As with the income eligibility guidelines, the reimbursement rates are subject to change every year. Attached are the reimbursement rates and a current reimbursement worksheet for the period of **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.**

Changes to Reimbursement Rates for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The paid rate for breakfast reflects 1 cent increase from 2024-2025; the reduced rate for breakfast reflects 9 cents increase from 2024-2025; and the free rate for breakfast reflects 9 cents increase from 2024-2025.

The paid rate for lunch or supper reflects 2 cents increase from 2024-2025; the reduced rate for lunch or supper reflects 17 cents increase over 2024-2025 and the free rate for lunch or supper also reflects 17 cents increase over 2024-2025.

The paid rate for snack reflects no change from 2024-2025; the reduced rate for snack reflects 3 cents increase over 2024-2025; and the free rate for snack reflects 5 cents increase over 2024-2025.

The cash-in-lieu increased from \$.30 to \$.305.

The reimbursement rates for Tier I childcare homes increased by 4 cents for breakfast, 7 cents for lunch and supper and 3 cents for snacks. The reimbursement rates for Tier II childcare homes increased by 1 cent for breakfast: 4 cents for lunch and supper and no changes for snacks. The changes in the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of childcare homes reflect a 2.35 percent increase.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CACFP staff at (803) 898-0959, toll free at (888) 834-8096 or cacfp@dss.sc.gov.

South Carolina Department of Social Services
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REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR
JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Meals Served in Day Care Centers (Adult or Childcare)

Per Meal Payment Rates in Cents

<u>Breakfast</u>		<u>Lunch and Supper*</u>		<u>Supplement</u>	
Free	\$2.46	Free	\$4.905	Free	\$1.26
Reduced	\$2.16	Reduced	\$4.505	Reduced	\$0.63
Paid	\$0.40	Paid	\$0.745	Paid	\$0.11

* These rates **do include** the value of commodities (**or cash-in-lieu of commodities**) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. The cash-in-lieu is **\$0.305** per lunch/supper.

Meals Served in Child Care Homes

Per Meal Payment Rates in Cents

	Tier I	Tier II
Breakfast	\$1.70	\$0.61
Lunch and Supper	\$3.22	\$1.94
Supplement	\$0.96	\$0.26

Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes –
Per Home/Per Month Rates **in Dollars:**

Initial 50 day care homes	\$150
Next 150 day care homes	115
Next 800 day care homes	89
Additional day care homes	79

Meals Served In Emergency Shelters and the Afterschool Meal Program

Per Meal Payment Rates in Cents

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch and Supper *</u>	<u>Supplement</u>
\$2.46	\$4.905	\$1.26

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CLAIMING PERCENTAGE METHOD**

REIMBURSEMENT WORKSHEET

For Institution use in computing reimbursement claim data reported on facility application in SC
CACFP - Claims.

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Claiming Percentages (do not round)</u>
Free _____	_____ % of Total Enrollment
Reduced _____	_____ % of Total Enrollment
Paid _____	_____ % of Total Enrollment
Total _____	

Breakfast

<u>Total</u> <u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Free Breakfast</u> <u>Rate</u>
_____ x	_____ x	<u>\$2.46</u> = _____

<u>Total</u> <u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Reduced</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Reduced Breakfast</u> <u>Rate</u>
_____ x	_____ x	<u>\$2.16</u> = _____

<u>Total</u> <u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Paid</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Paid Breakfast</u> <u>Rate</u>
_____ x	_____ x	<u>\$0.40</u> = _____

1) Total Breakfast Earnings = _____

Reimbursement Worksheet

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Lunch

Total Lunches	Free Percentage	Free Lunch Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$4.905	= _____

Total Lunches	Reduced Percentage	Reduced Lunch Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$4.505	= _____

Total Lunches	Paid Percentage	Paid Lunch Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$0.745	= _____

2) Total Lunch Earnings = _____

Supplement

Total Supplements	Free Percentage	Free Supplement Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$1.26	= _____

Total Supplements	Reduced Percentage	Reduced Supplement Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$.63	= _____

Total Supplements	Paid Percentage	Paid Supplement Rate	
_____ x	_____ x	\$0.11	= _____

3) Total Supplement Earnings = _____

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(Sum of 1+2+3 above) Maximum Rate of Earnings = _____

Note: Reimbursement for supper is computed at the lunch rate.