

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care) / FISCAL YEAR 2015
PARENT LETTER

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This child care center participates in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives Federal funds to provide healthy meals and snacks to all of the enrolled children. The amount of reimbursement the center receives is based on the information you provide on the attached CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form (IEF). Part of the USDA requirement is to ask you to complete the IEF. If your income is equal to or less than the income listed in the chart below for your household size, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Read the attached instructions carefully and fill out all required information. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please return the completed IEF back to our center as soon as possible.

If a member of your family (child or adult) receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits; or you care for a foster child(ren) that is the legal responsibility of VDSS or the court, these children are eligible for meal benefits regardless of your household income.

If your income(s) is over the income guidelines listed below, you are not required to complete this application; however, it would be helpful if you would write your child's name on the IEF and return it to our center. Please notify us if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within the income eligibility standards.

The information you provide on the IEF will be used to determine your child's eligibility for meal benefits. The information will be kept confidential and only available to staff directly connected with administering the CACFP.

Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan (FAMIS)

FAMIS is Virginia's health insurance program for children. It provides access to quality health services for children who do not have health insurance. **FAMIS Plus** is Virginia's name for children's Medicaid. **FAMIS Plus** also provides great benefits and covers children in families with low or no income, even if the children are covered by health insurance.

By signing the section on the application for **FAMIS** or **FAMIS Plus**, you are stating you do not want your information shared with the local Department of Social Services. If you agree to disclose the IEF information, it may be used to identify your child(ren) for the health insurance program. If you would like more information on **FAMIS**, call toll-free 1-866-873-2647 – Interpreters are available. Log onto www.famis.org to apply online.

A household with income less than or equal to the income chart for reduced-priced meals below is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals:

Household Size	Yearly
1	\$21,590
2	\$29,101
3	\$36,612
4	\$44,123
5	\$51,634
6	\$59,145
7	\$66,656
8	\$74,167
Each additional person:	\$7,511

If you have any questions or need help, please contact our center.

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