

**PARENT LETTER
FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS**
July 1, 2015, Through June 30, 2016

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 Household Eligibility Application. Part of the USDA requirement is to ask you to complete the application. 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 application back to our center as soon as possible.

If a member of your family (child or adult) receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits; or you care for a foster child that is the legal responsibility of the State through DCFS 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 application 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.

Income Eligibility Guidelines
Effective from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016

Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	21,775	1,815	908	838	419
2	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
For each additional family member, add	7,696	642	321	296	148

The information you provide on the application 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.

By signing the section on the application for the Illinois All Kids Health Insurance, you are stating you do not want your information shared with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. If you agree to disclose the application information, it may be used to identify your child(ren) for the health insurance program. If you would like more information on All Kids, call toll-free 866/255-5437 or 877/204-1012 (TTY).

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

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