



NEWTRITION!

UPDATES ON NUTRITION AT YOUR SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2012

HHFKA Six Cent Reimbursement

How Does My District Apply?

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 made significant changes to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. School lunches served beginning school year 2012-13 must comply with the new meal



pattern requirements. The new rule requires state agencies to certify those school districts that are in compliance with meal pattern and nutrition standard requirements as eligible to receive an additional 6 cents for each reimbursable lunch served. The additional reimbursement is available to school districts beginning October 1, 2012.

Opaa! will provide menu and nutrient analysis documentation required to apply for the HHFKA additional six cent reimbursement.

How Do I Apply For the Additional 6 Cent Reimbursement?

- Submit to the State agency one week of each type of menu offered in your district
- Submit nutrient analyses of the submitted menus
- Submit a detailed menu worksheet provided by USDA which shows food items and quantities which will be used to assess compliance with the updated meal pattern.
- School districts must attest that the documentation provided is representative of the ongoing meal service within the school district.

How Will Opaa! Assist Our District In Applying For the Additional 6 Cent Reimbursement?

- Opaa! will provide your district with a one week menu of each type of menu offered in your district in October
- Opaa! will provide your district with a nutrient analysis of the submitted October menu



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- Opa! will provide your district with a customized USDA menu worksheet for the submitted October menu
- Opa! will continue to communicate with the state agency to notify districts when they can begin submitting documentation to apply for the additional 6 cent reimbursement. At this time, DESE has not given guidance on how to submit documentation.

How soon will my application be approved and when can I expect to receive the additional reimbursement?

- The State agency must review certification materials and make determination within 60 days of receipt of documentation from the school district.
- Upon certification, the State agency must reimburse the school district with the additional 6 cents beginning in the start of the month in which certified menus are served. For example, if menus are submitted for October, additional reimbursement will be given beginning October 1, 2012.

State Agency Validation Reviews

- State agencies will be required to conduct on-site validation reviews for a random sample of 25 percent of certified school districts.
- If your district is selected, state agencies are required to review meal service for each type of certified menu, production records for observed meals to ensure they are consistent with the menus submitted for certification and documentation submitted for certification to ensure ongoing meal service is consistent with certification documentation.