

Summary of **New** COVID-19 Waivers for NH SAUs

Period covered by this information: School/Program Year 2021 – 2022

Below is a summary of nationwide waivers of Child Nutrition Program regulations for school/program year 21-22. The below new waivers are in effect July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022 except waivers #90 and #91, which begin on October 1, 2021.

- **#89 Parent/ Guardian Pick-Up Waiver** – Allows the parent/guardian to pick up their child’s meals if the child is remotely learning in either National School Lunch or Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO). ****Requires SAU plan to be put into place for ensuring meals are distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children and how duplicate meals will not be served. This plan will be reviewed during the regular administrative review process.**** If SAU or organization already has an approved Parent/ Guardian Pick-Up Waiver in place for SY 2020 – 2021, no waiver request is needed, however, a written plan will need to be submitted to the State Agency. A template and training will be provided.
- **#85 SSO for SAUs Waiver** – This waiver allows SAUs to operate under either SSO or NSLP/SBP during SY 21-22. (Note that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is not allowed during SY 21-22). Notification of which program the SAU will be operating under is done through the normal online MyNHDOE annual application for NSLP process, with SSO checked off.
- **#86 Higher Reimbursement for SSO Waiver** – Allows SAUs that choose to offer the SSO to be reimbursed at a higher rate for SY 21-22. The rate will be applied in the MyNHDOE claiming computer system when a SAU makes a claim for meals served under SSO.
- **#87 Non-congregate Meal Service Waiver** – SAUs/organizations are able to serve meals in a non-congregate fashion as needed. No waiver request needed.
- **#88 Meal Times Waiver** – Allows meals to be served outside of the standard meal times in the NSLP, SBP, CACFP and SSO. No waiver request needed.
- **#90 Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver NSLP/SBP**– This waiver allows the following flexibilities for SY 21-22 (Note: Effective October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022):
 - Menus need not meet the dietary specification for sodium.
 - All grains offered need not be whole grain rich.
 - Preschoolers need not to have at least 1 serving/day for all meals be whole grain rich.
 - Need not offer a variety of milk (at least 2 different).
 - Menus and food components do not have to meet age/grade group requirements.All other meal pattern regulations remain in effect. **Waiver request required and must target specific food component issue and be justified.**
- **#91 Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver CACFP**– This waiver allows the following flexibilities for SY 21-22 (Note: Effective October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022):
 - Low fat milk need not be unflavored.
 - Crediting of grains, by ounce equivalents need not be fully implemented by Oct. 1, 2021.
 - Preschoolers need not to have at least 1 serving/day for all meals be whole grain rich.All other meal pattern regulations remain in effect. **Waiver request required and must target specific food component issue and be justified.**

- **#92 Offer Vs. Serve Flexibility Waiver for High Schools** – For NSLP/SBP, SSO Allows SAUs to offer high school meals with all five components during remote learning primarily. No waiver request needed.
- **#93 Area Eligibility Waiver for After School and Family Day Care Home** – Applies to entities serving after school snacks served in NSLP and to meal and snacks served through CACFP at risk after school program. It also applies to meals and snacks served to children enrolled in Family Day Care Homes (FDCH) under CACFP. Allows schools, regardless of location to claim after school snacks at the free rate. Waiver also allows at risk after school care centers regardless of location to apply to participate in CACFP and claim all meals and snacks at the free rate. In addition, it allows all day care homes, regardless of location, to receive Tier 1 reimbursement rate for all meals and snacks. No waiver request needed, however USDA will be providing further guidance and the State Agency will in turn provide that guidance to program operators.

Additional waivers that expire 30 days after the end of the public health emergency.

- **#94 Onsite Monitoring for NSLP/SBP (State agency)** – Waiver allows State agencies to complete all NSLP/SBP monitoring off-site.
- **#95 Onsite Monitoring for CACFP (State agency)** – Waiver allows State agencies to complete all CACFP monitoring off-site.
- **#96 Onsite Monitoring for CACFP Organizations** – Allows CACFP organizations with monitoring requirements to conduct monitoring off-site, if needed. No waiver request is needed.

Further information on the waivers for program year 21-22 as well as the waivers themselves can be found at:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-waivers-flexibilities>

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