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TO: Sponsors of the Special Milk Program in Child Care Institutions, Summer Camps, Homeless Feeding Sites, Outside-School-Hours Care Centers and Other Sponsoring Agencies

FROM: Amanda Kane, RDN, CD, Director
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SUBJECT: Update of the Special Milk Program (SMP) Reimbursement Rate per Half Pint of Milk

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has adjusted the reimbursement rate from $0.2025 per half pint to $0.2000 per half pint. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products. **The new reimbursement rate of $0.2000 per half pint was effective July 1, 2015, and will therefore be applied to your July 2015 reimbursement claim.**

SMP Requirements: Fluid milk served to children who are two years of age and older must be fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk. Fluid milk served may also be fat-free or low-fat lactose reduced milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose free milk, fat-free or low-fat buttermilk, or fat-free or low-fat acidified milk. Whole milk and reduced-fat (2%) milk may not be served to children over two years of age; however it is still recommended to serve whole milk to children ages 1-2 years. Milk served must be pasteurized fluid milk that meets State and local standards, and may be flavored or unflavored.

Sponsoring agencies are required to maintain accurate records showing the amount of milk purchased and served to support the monthly claims for reimbursement. All SMP records must be retained on file for three years plus the current year.

Milk served to adults (age 19 years and older) is not reimbursable; if your agency does serve milk to adults as part of its operation, the actual amount served to adults must be documented. The amount served to adults cannot be determined based on percentage or estimate methods. Only milk actually served to attending children may be claimed for reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding the Non-School Special Milk Program, please contact Shiela Coulton at 608-267-9129 or shiela.coulton@dpi.wi.gov.