

GRAND RAPIDS URBAN LEAGUE, INC.
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July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Dear Parent and Guardians:

Our organization/agency sponsors your day care provider for participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The main purpose of the CACFP is to help children receive nutritious food and well balanced meals. Your provider receives reimbursement for meals and snacks served to enrolled children, while in care. Families are not charged a separate fee for the meals and snacks served.

The reimbursement for the CACFP participants is a two-tier system. To receive the higher Tier 1 rates, the day care home must either be located in a low income area based on school or census data or the provider's own household must be low income. Your provider does not meet any of these criteria. However, your provider may receive the higher Tier 1 rates for your children's meals/snacks if your household income is at or below the levels listed below, or if your children receive Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits or federal or state funded benefits with an income eligibility limit that does not exceed 185% of poverty. A list of categorically eligible programs is included at the end of this letter.

Households with incomes greater than the levels shown on the CACFP income scale below do not need to complete the attached Household Income Eligibility Application.

Income eligibility guidelines for July 1, 2009 – until further notice

Family Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$20,036	\$1,670
2	\$26,955	\$2,247
3	\$33,874	\$2,823
4	\$40,793	\$3,400
For each additional family member add:	\$6,919	\$577

If you believe your income meets the guidelines, or if you receive FAP, FIP, or FDPIR benefits, or other categorically eligible program benefits, complete the attached Household Income Eligibility Application and return it to our office. Do not give the completed application to your day care provider. The information will be kept confidential. We will use federal guidelines to determine if your children's meals are eligible for Tier 1 reimbursement. Tier 2 reimbursement will be paid for meals/snacks served to children who are not eligible for Tier 1 rates.

Children having parents or guardians who become unemployed are eligible for meals at the Tier 1 rates during the period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the family income during the period of unemployment to be within eligibility standards for those meals.

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In certain cases, foster children are eligible for Tier 1 reimbursement regardless of household income. If foster children are living with you and you wish to apply for such meals, please contact our office.

Your family may be eligible to receive MICHild health insurance through the State of Michigan. MICHild is a health insurance program for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. MICHild services are provided by many HMOs and other health care plans throughout Michigan. To determine if your family is eligible, call 1-888-988-6300, for an application or access an online application at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>. At the web address, you can also access the MICHild brochure that briefly explains the insurance program.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BRENDA G. MOORE, Director

CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS LIST

For Households Participating in the CACFP with a Tier 2 Provider

- Food Assistance Program (FAP)
- Family Independence Program (FIP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Head Start Participants
- Pre-Kindergarten Participants of the Even Start Program
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Medicaid
- National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

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