Mental Health and Food Service Update

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Learning Objectives

- 1. Learn about funding opportunities for mental health
- 2. Understand the changes coming to Child Nutrition Programs for SY22-23
- 3. Identify what to expect for this year's audit with the special funding and waivers in play during SY21-22





Mental Health





31n Funding

- Section 31n has 2 primary sections: subsection 5 = child and adolescent mental health centers (MDHHS); subsection 6 = direct service providers hired to work in schools (MDE)
- In 2018, Michigan went from \$0 in state investment in student mental health to \$31.3 million, \$16.5 million was for 31n(6) approximately \$11.79/student
- In 2022, 31n was funded at \$54 million with \$37.8 million for 31n(6) ~ \$27/student

31n(6) Funding	2019-2020	2020-2021
Districts served	291 (762 buildings)	365 (887 buildings)
Students attended a school with a new 31n(6) mental health provider	330,320	386,150
Students received screenings or assessments through a 31n(6) provider	12,030	46,203
Students received services from a 31n(6) provider	8,885	10,017



310 Funding

- 284 districts will receive funding (of the 352 that applied)
- 721,444 students enrolled in these districts
- \$105,425,703.63 total of the \$240 million available will go out
- Totals hired:

Profession	FTE's Hired	FTE's Requested	FTE's Prior	% Increase
Counselors	156.7	244.9	1,197.2	13.1%
Nurses	139.2	199.5	142.2	97.9%
Psychologists	59.3	96.6	354.1	16.7%
Social Workers	247.3	369.6	947.3	26.1%
Totals:	602.5	910.6	2,640.8	22.8%



What is the difference?

31n:

- Funding starts with the ISD
- Schools using 31n funds to hire providers must seek Federal Medicaid match (Caring 4 Students or C4S) and these matching funds should be used to expand services
- This expanded services to be available for all students, NOT just for Medicaid eligible students or special education students

310:

- Funding starts with the local district
- No Federal Medicaid match required, although it is encouraged for sustainability
- Only four eligible provider types
- Salaries and benefits are reimbursed at:
 - 100% in year 1
 - 66% in year 2
 - 33% in year 3
 - \$0 in year 4



31p Overview

- Section 31p includes an appropriation to provide free, multi-tiered school mental health training and resources delivered by <u>TRAILS</u>
- There is \$5.4 million available in equal amounts for intermediate school districts that apply on behalf of their constituent districts
- Successful applicant ISDs will work collaboratively with the TRAILS staff to identify up to 10 local school buildings to participate
- TRAILS trains school professionals in the evidence-based mental health practices of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and mindfulness and builds a network by pairing these trained professionals with TRAILS coaches
- Staff in those buildings will receive professional development training, resources, and implementation support from the TRAILS program
- TRAILS strengthens existing school mental health models, promotes sustainability, and complements other health services funding, including sections 31n and 31o



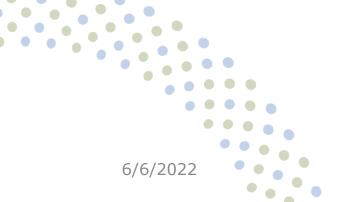


Food Service



Making sense of changes for summer 2022

- On a district's last day of school for the 21-22 school year OR June 30 (whichever comes first), all nationwide waivers come to an end. This means:
 - Meals must be congregate
 - Reimbursement returns to program specific rates
 - No bulk meal distribution or parent pick up
 - No more area eligibility so some children will be forced to pay for meals



Making sense of changes for SY 22-23

MDE has received approval from USDA for waivers to provide some <u>COVID-related</u> flexibility

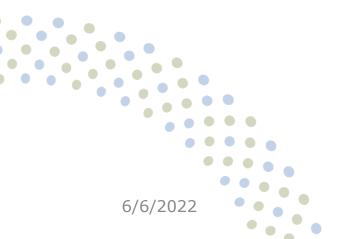
When will these waivers be used?

- Requesting of waivers is optional by a sponsor
- Extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19
 - such as a site shutdown
 - quarantine among staff
- Starting from May 25, 2022 through June 30, 2023



Biggest concern for fall:

- Unless a school participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), students return to free, reduced-price, or paid status
- Many families have never had to pay for meals at school before
- For those that don't pay, unpaid meal debt will soar







What if CEP is not on the table?

Maximize options that are available to the district:

- 1. Universal Free Breakfast
- 2. Discretionary Elimination of the Reduced Meal Price

Benefits:

- Soften the transition back to pricing in the fall
- Reduce burden on paying families
- Help maintain participation levels
- Lower potential negative balances





Universal Free Breakfast

What is Universal Free Breakfast?

- Breakfast is offered to all students at no cost (\$0.00 price)
- Schools continue to claim breakfast reimbursement by Free,
 Reduced, and Paid eligibility for each student receiving a meal
- Available for Breakfast Service Only

How does it impact the food service fund?

- Allowable to fund through Food Service if the Fund has sufficient funds to do so, or with donations
- The General Fund would only need to transfer money to the Food Service Fund if Food Service ended with a loss in the program at year end



Discretionary elimination of the reduced meal price

Eliminate the price for reduced meals to students for breakfast and lunch

USDA guidance on eliminating reduced meal charges:

FNS/USDA Admin Memo SP 17-2014

Due to Paid Lunch Equity Regulations lunch prices for paid eligible students cannot be waived





NSLP SY 2022-2023 Reimbursement Rates

New SBP and NSLP rates will become effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

• Including the new Commodity Entitlement Value

MDE will announce the rates as soon as they are released by the USDA

MDE Adult Meal Pricing Worksheet will be updated and released shortly after





Excess Fund Balances (EFB) are growing!

- 388 SFAs have EFB from SY2020/2021!
- Additional excess funds have been accumulating all SY21/22
- Emergency Operational Cost Reimbursement and Supply Chain Assistance funds contribute to higher fund balances
- The USDA has <u>not</u> granted a waiver for the Net Cash Resources requirements
- NOTE: MDE requests a management comment in the management letter if the auditor has determined net cash resources exceed the three months' average expenditures for the SFA's NSFSA as of June 30, 2022



SY22-23 Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Update

Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021	What do you want to do with paid meal prices?	Do I complete the PLE tool?	Do I need a waiver?
	Raise	Yes	No
Positive	Keep the same	No	No
	Lower	No	Yes
Negative	Raise	Yes	No
	Keep the same	Yes	Yes
	Lower	Yes	Yes





Accounting/Coding for SY2022-2023

ALN#	Grant Name	Grant Code
10.555	National School Lunch Program	851X
10.553	School Breakfast Program	850X





SY2021-2022 Accounting/Coding

ALN#	MDE Program ID#	Grant Name	Grant Code
10.558	211925	Emergency Operations - CACFP Meals	853X
10.555	211965	Emergency Operations - SNP Meals	851X
10.555	211961/221961	Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Lunch	851X
10.553	211971/221971	Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Breakfast	850X
10.555	211981/221981	Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Snack	861X
10.555	211951/221951	Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Supper	829X
10.555	211960/221960	National School Lunch Program	851X
10.553	211970/221970	School Breakfast Program	850X
10.555	211980/221980	NSLP - After School Snack	861X
10.649	210980	PEBT Local Cost Grant	664X
10.555	220910	Supply Chain Assistance	851X

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