



# 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



# 31o 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

## **31o:**

- 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 [TRAILS](#)
- 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 COVID-related 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 not 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?
Positive	Raise	Yes	No
	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

<b>ALN#</b>	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Grant Code</b>
10.555	National School Lunch Program	851X
10.553	School Breakfast Program	850X



# SY2021-2022 Accounting/Coding

<b>ALN#</b>	<b>MDE Program ID#</b>	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Grant Code</b>
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

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/fiscal-admin/topics/fiscal-reporting>

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New Coordinated Application Went  
Live June 1st!

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# What Questions Do You Have?

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