

**Disclosure of Children's Free & Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility Information:**

The agency/center may disclose information about children eligible for Free and Reduced-Price meals to any party without parental notification and consent when children cannot be identified through release of the aggregate data or by means of deduction.

**Persons Authorized to Receive Eligibility Information:**

- Only persons directly connected with the administration/enforcement of a program may have access to children's Free meal eligibility information without parental consent.

**Disclosure of Children's Names and Free or Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility Status:**

The agency/center may disclose, without parental consent, only children's names and F or R-P eligibility to:

- Federal education programs;
- State health or education programs;
- Federal, State, or local means-tested nutrition programs w/ eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP; or
- Third party contractors assisting in the verification of eligibility.

**Disclosure of ALL Eligibility Information:**

The agency/center may disclose, without parental consent, eligibility information to:

- Persons directly connected with administering or enforcing the NSLP, SMP, SBP, SFSP, and WIC;
- US Comptroller General;
- Federal, State or local law enforcement officials.

**Use of Free and R-P Meal Eligibility Information by Programs Other than Medicaid (MaineCare) or SCHIP:**

- State agencies and child care institutions may use children's Free meal eligibility information for administering/enforcing the CACFP;
- Federal, State or local agencies for administering/enforcing the CACFP;
- No further disclosure of this information may be made.

**Disclosure of Children's Free or R-P Meal Eligibility Information to Medicaid (MaineCare) and/or SCHIP (unless parents decline):**

- Children's F or R-P meal eligibility information may only be disclosed to Medicaid (MaineCare) or SCHIP when both the State agency and child care institution so elect and the parent does not decline;
- The State agency or child care institution may disclose children's names, F or R-P eligibility status or other eligibility information obtained through the IEF or direct certification to persons connected to the administration of Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP;
- Parents must be notified their eligibility information may be disclosed and given the opportunity to decline.

**Use of Children's F or R-P Meal Eligibility Information by Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP:**

- Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP agencies and health insurance program operators receiving children's F and R-P eligibility information must use the information to seek to enroll them in Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP and disclose no further information. Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP agencies and health insurance programs may verify eligibility information in a Child Nutrition program.

**Notifying Households of Potential Uses and Disclosures of Children's F or R-P Meal Eligibility Information:**

- For disclosure to programs other than Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP, households must be notified at the time of application that the information provided on their child's IEF may be disclosed to other programs;
- For disclosure to Medicaid (MaineCare)/SCHIP, households must be notified their child's eligibility status *will* be disclosed *unless* the parent declines.

**Other Disclosures:**

- Children's parents must provide written consent prior to the disclosure of information to any other program not previously listed.

**Agreements with Programs/Individuals Receiving Children's F or R-P Eligibility Information:**

- The State agency or child care institution should have a written agreement with programs or individuals receiving eligibility information prior to disclosing said information.