

**Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

**Child Adult Care Food Program**

**Income Eligibility Statement**

<b>PART I: Child(ren) or Adult enrolled to receive day care-</b>			
<b>Name: (Last, First and Middle Initial)</b>	Food Stamp, TANF, or FDPIR case number, Assistant Unit (AU), or Client ID number for <u>children only</u> . All the above, or SSI or Medicaid case number for <u>Adults</u> . Note: Do not use EBT numbers.	Head Start Participant	Foster Child
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>PART II A:</b>	<b>B. Gross income and how often it is received</b>				<b>C. Check if</b>
<b>A. Name</b> (List everyone in household, including foster and non-foster children)	Example: \$100/monthly, \$100/twice a month, \$100/every other week, \$100/weekly				<b>NO Income</b>
	<b>1. Earnings from work before deductions</b>	<b>2. Welfare, child support, alimony</b>	<b>3. Social Security, pensions, retirement</b>	<b>4. All other income</b>	
1. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. _____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PART III: ENROLLMENT INFORMATION: Children Only**

My child is normally in attendance at the facility between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ [am/pm] to \_\_\_\_\_ [am/pm] on the following days:  
 Check here if only before/after school care is provided.

(Circle all that apply). Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

My child will normally receive the following meals while in care:  
 (Circle all that apply):    Breakfast    AM Snack    Lunch    PM Snack    Supper    Evening Snack

**PART IV: Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign).**

An adult household member must sign this form. If Part II is completed the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security number or mark the "I don't have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on next page).

*I certify that all information on this form is true and that **all** income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposefully give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. **This signature also acknowledges that the child(ren) listed on the form in Part I are enrolled for care.***

Signature: **X** \_\_\_\_\_      Print Name \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_      City \_\_\_\_\_      State: GA      Zip \_\_\_\_\_      Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Last four Digits of Social Security Number XXX-XX \_\_\_\_\_       I do not have a Social Security Number

**PART V: Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional)**

Mark one ethnic identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/ Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/ Latino	Mark one or more racial identities: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
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**Official Use Only: Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 weeks x 26, Twice a month x 24, Monthly x 12**

Total income: \_\_\_\_\_ Per:  Week     Every 2 weeks     Twice a month     Month     Year    Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Categorical Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Date withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Tier I \_\_\_\_\_ Tier II \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_ (expires after \_\_\_\_\_ days)

Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Confirming Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Follow Up Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The participant in the day care facility may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Yearly Income
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
Each additional person	Add:

**Privacy Act Statement:** The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number for your child or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

**Non-discrimination Statement:** In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Households that receive Food Stamps, TANF, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid: Complete the following:

**Part I:** For family day care home and child care center, list participant's name and a Food Stamp, TANF, or FDPIR case number. For adult day care, list participant's name and a Food Stamp, TANF, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid case number. **Note: foster children (children placed in the household by the court system) can be included in this section. A separate form is no longer needed for foster children.**

**Part II:** Skip this part.

**Part III:** Child care centers only. Provide the normal days and hours your child is in attendance in the center and indicate the meals he/she normally receives while in care.

**Part IV:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

**Part V:** Answer this question if you choose to.

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### All other Households, including WIC households, complete the following:

**Part I:** For family day care home, child care center or adult day care, list participant's name.

**Part II:** To report total household income from last month, complete the following:

**Column A-Name:** List the first and last name of each person living in your household as an economic unit. You must indicate yourself and all children living with you (including foster and non-foster children). In the case of an adult participant, the adult participant, and if residing with the adult participant, the spouse and dependent(s) of the adult participant. Attach another sheet if necessary.

**Column B-Gross Income last month and how often it was received:** Next to each person's name, list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received.

**Box 1:** List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly).

**Box 2:** List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony.

**Box 3:** List Social Security, pensions, and retirement.

**Box 4:** List all other income sources including Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits IVA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household. Report net income from self-owned businesses, farming, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

**Column C-Check if no income:** If the person does not have any income, check the box.

**Part III:** Child care centers only. Provide the normal days and hours your child is in attendance in the center and indicate the meals he/she normally receives while in care.

**Part IV:** An adult household member must sign the form, and list the last four digits of his/her social security number. Or, mark the box if he/she does not have one.

**Part V:** Answer this question if you choose to.

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**Privacy Act Statement:** This explains how we use the information you give us.

# The Child and Adult Care Food Program

## Income Eligibility Statement Form and Supporting Documents

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued revised Income Eligibility Statements (IES) and other required forms to all state agencies to disseminate to institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The newly revised IES package includes the following: IES form and instructions, reduced income guidelines template with privacy and non-discrimination statement, Sharing Information with Medicaid/SCHIP letter, sample house-hold letters based on program type, and template letters to use when verifying income and reporting the results of the verification.

The revised IES package and supporting documents is available at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/BftS/FormList.aspx?cat=CACFP>.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Q. What information do I issue to parents?**

**A.** Institutions and facilities should issue the IES form, reduced income guidelines with the privacy and non-discrimination statement, appropriate household letter, and the Sharing Information with Medicaid/SCHIP letter to parents/guardians of children/adults participating in the CACFP.

#### **Q. Can centers/day care homes require parents/guardians to complete the IES form as part of the enrollment package?**

**A.** Centers/day care homes can **request** that parents/guardians complete the form as part of the enrollment process, but centers should **not require** parents/guardians to complete the form nor should they have policies/practices in place that negatively impacts the prospective/current participant's enrollment if the parent declines or fails to complete or submit the form. This action would be in violation of the Program.

#### **Q. Why is it necessary to issue the Sharing Information with Medicaid/SCHIP letter to parents?**

**A.** Parents/guardians that do not wish to have their information shared with either Medicaid or SCHIP must complete the form and return to facility. Otherwise and when requested by Bright from the Start or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), parent/guardian information will be shared with Medicaid/SCHIP.

**Q. Is it necessary to have three official's signatures on the new IES form-especially when the center is an independent center with only one staff person managing the CACFP?**

**A.** No. Only one signature is required for Independent centers with only one staff person responsible for managing the CACFP. However, institutions with more than one person managing the CACFP, and center and administrative sponsors are required to have a minimum of two signatures: determining official and confirming official.

**Q. What is the purpose of having a determining and confirming official signature?**

**A.** The confirming official will review the form and ensure accuracy and completeness. IES forms are considered current and valid until the last day of the month in which the form was dated on year earlier. The date to be used to make this determination is the date in which the sponsor or institution official signs the IES form to certify eligibility of the participant.

**Q. How long is the IES form considered current and valid?**

**A.** IES forms are considered current and valid until the last day of the month in which the form was dated one year previously. The date used to make this determination is the date in which the sponsor or independent center official signs the IES form to certify eligibility of the participant. This means that sponsor and independent center officials should not request parent/guardians to complete IES forms at a specific frequency (e.g. start of each school year, every June, etc.). Request made by the sponsor or independent center official for IES form completion should be based solely on the expiration date of the IES forms.

**Q. Do I send a report to Bright from the Start listing parent/guardians that want their information shared with Medicaid/SCHIP?**

**A.** No. When instructed by USDA, Bright from the Start will request and collect data from institutions.

**Q. Can this form be used for children in childcare facilities and adults in adult daycare facilities?**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. Can siblings be listed on one form?**

**A.** Yes. Siblings from the same household can be listed on one form as long as there is space available.

**Q. When do I verify parent/guardian income?**

**A.** At the request of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Bright from the Start, or any of its agents.

**Q. Where can I get copies of the IES form and supporting documents?**

**A.** Access Bright from the Start's webpage at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/BftS/FormList.aspx?cat=CACFP>

**Q. Can I still participate in the CACFP if parents do not complete the IES form or do not return the form to my center?**

**A.** Yes. However, children that do not have IES forms on file must be placed in the “paid” category on the roster, which will effect monthly reimbursement. Centers that are using the IES form to capture annual enrollment information will be required to use an alternate enrollment form that captures at a minimum the name of the child, normal hours and days of care and meals the child usually receives while in attendance.

**Q. What if the form is completed by the parent but is not signed and dated by the sponsor or independent official. Is the form valid?**

**A.** The form would neither be current nor valid for free or reduced price meals since the signature and date of the sponsor or independent official is the certification of the eligibility of the participant.

**Q. Are households required to report changes in circumstances?**

**A.** No, Public Law 108-265 modified the requirements related to reporting changes in income during the period of eligibility covered by the application. Households are not required to report changes in circumstances, such as increase in income, a decrease in household size, or when the household is no longer certified eligible for benefits through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

**Q. Are temporary approvals (45 days) still required when no income is reported?**

**A.** No. Temporary approvals previously provided for short term assistance, such as when a household experienced a temporary income reduction or when no income was reported have been eliminated, are no longer required. Now, year-long eligibility includes households that report no income on their IES forms.

**Q. Can parents list some but not all of the household income received?**

**A.** No, the IES form requests all the household income including the frequency. By signing the IES form the parent/guardian certifies that all the information on the form is true and that all income is reported and that they understand that the center or day care home will receive Federal funds based on the information listed by the parent/guardian.



## SHARING INFORMATION WITH MEDICAID/SCHIP

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children qualify for free or reduced price meals, they may also be able to get free or low cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Children with health insurance are more likely to get regular health care and are less likely to become sick.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, the law allows us to tell Medicaid and SCHIP that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, *unless you tell us not to*. Medicaid and SCHIP only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children in this health insurance program. Filling out the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Forms does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or SCHIP, fill out the form below and send it with your Income Eligibility Form to [address] by [date]. (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.)

- No! I DO NOT want information from my CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you checked no, fill out the form below.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, you may call \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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