

TEXAS POLICY

In Texas, organizations that contract directly with Texas Department of Agriculture's USDA federally funded nutrition programs are called Contracting Entities or CEs. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is identified as a nutrition program and, as such, sponsors are considered CEs.

Reimbursement Rates for School Food Authority (SFA) Contracting Entities (CEs) that Contract with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Previously, Contracting Entities (CEs) that are school food authorities (SFAs) that sponsor the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) received the higher reimbursement rate (self-preparation rate) even though their meals were vended through a food service management company (FSMC).

Beginning in Program Year 2012, CEs that are SFAs that contract with a FSMC for their SFSP meals will receive the reimbursement rate for vended meals for each site that is located in an urban county. Sites that are in a rural county will continue to receive the higher reimbursement rate.

In the SFSP, a vended sponsor means "a sponsor which purchases from a food service management company the unitized meals, with or without milk, which it will serve at its site(s), or a sponsor which purchases management services to the limitations set forth in the federal regulations, from a food service management company."

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