

9th September, 2024

Feeding bodies, Fueling minds



MONDAY MORNING

UPDATES TO MEDICAL PLAN OF CARE FORM

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(m) and 7 CFR 220.8(m) require substitutions or modifications in school meals for children whose disability restrict their diet. School food authorities must provide modifications for children on a case-by-case basis when requests are supported by a written statement signed by a State licensed healthcare professional. By July 1, 2025, school food authorities must also accept a medical statement signed by a registered dietitian. The modification requested must be related to the disability or limitations caused by the disability and must be offered at no additional cost to the child or household.

In Pennsylvania, the following may sign the medical statement:

- Physician
- Physician assistant
- Certified registered nurse practitioner
- Dentist
- Registered Dietitian

September Checklist

- Send CEP letter to households if applicable
- Complete NSLP Snack monitoring if applicable (must complete within first 4 weeks of program)
- Start verification process of the first operating day in October

COMING THIS OCTOBER



National Farm to School Month

October is National Farm to School Month, a time for schools, early care and education sites, farms, communities, agencies, and organizations to celebrate food education, school gardens and lunch trays filled with healthy, local ingredients! The PA Farm to School Network is providing a variety of ways to help you celebrate: join the upcoming [virtual open house](#) on September 26th, participate in the [multimedia story-telling contest](#) and encourage your legislators to [support farm to school related policy](#). Learn more about these opportunities and others in [this blog](#). [Posters](#) who have continued to support us during these challenging times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.



2024 PA Preferred Days Are Here

Register today for PA Preferred Days.

This promotional program incentivizes schools to choose one day during National Farm to School Month in October, to commit to serving as many PA grown and produced products as possible.

- all schools that register receive access to promo materials
- first 20 schools that sign up and are willing to host visitors will receive a \$500 sponsorship stipend



Tray of the Month Campaign Begins October 1st

Winners will receive an award and be featured on SNAPA social media, website and in SNAPA Happenings.

Requirements:

1. Meet the USDA National School Breakfast or National School Lunch Meal Patterns, clearly showing all components (i.e. including fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternate and fluid milk as applicable)
2. Include a description of the meal menu items
3. Indicate the location and date of service
4. Be attractively plated and photographed
5. Include one local item

Email tray photos with descriptions to:
Communication@SNAPA.org



"Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month: In the Kitchen" Video Series Released

Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month (PA HOM) is a program developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Project PA (Penn State University) to promote a local agricultural product each month through schools, child and adult care centers/day care homes, and summer feeding sites. A ["Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month: In the Kitchen" video series](#) has recently been released. These short (approximately 5-7 minutes) videos are designed to provide information about how to procure, select, handle, and prepare each PA HOM item for Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs). They can be incorporated into training sessions for CNP staff or used for individual-level learning to facilitate implementation of the PA HOM program in CNPs. Funding for this project was provided by a Fiscal Year 2022 USDA Farm to School grant.



NSLW24 Toolkit, Activity Guide & Coloring Pages, Social Media Kit and Merch Now Available!

Select the icons below to access these resources

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