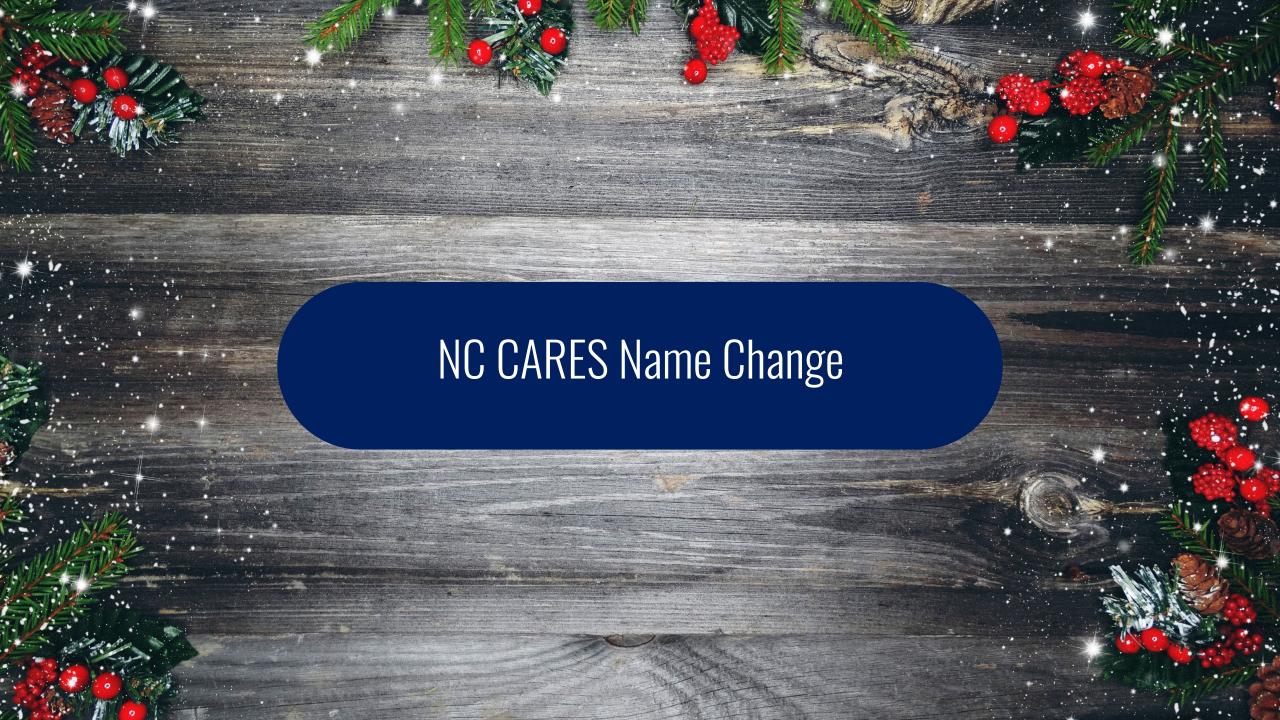


# Welcome to Today's Call

- 1. NC CARES Name Change
- 2. EOC Grant/Survey Information
- 3. Policy Memo
- 4. Application Update Due Date Reminder
- 5. Upcoming SA Trainings
- 6. CACFP Success Stories
- 7. Additional Information
- 8. Q&A





# NC CARES Name Change



- Former Name: North Carolina Claims and Reimbursement Electronic System (NC CARES)
- State Agency is looking for a new name and/or acronym for the new system.
- Use this link 
   https://fs24.formsite.com/cacfp/xqdxu9skzp/index.html to
   suggest a new name/acronym
- Due by close of business TODAY



# Emergency Operational Cost Grant



Institutions that received the EOC Grant are required to report on the use of EOC Funds

Reporting Survey will be provided

Institutions will report how funds are used:

- Operations
- Food
- Salary
- Other costs
- Reimbursing themselves due to COVID

### Emergency Operational Cost Grant Reporting Survey

#### Start to gather:

- SO Reporting Facility Emergency Operating Cost Spreadsheet
- Accounting documents related to EOC
- Impact stories on use of EOC Funds

Reporting Survey issued on or before Nov 19, 2021

Any payments not issued to facilities must be returned by Dec 8, 2021

Reporting Survey due to State agency Jan 7, 2022



# Emergency Operational Cost Grant

- State agency strongly encourages Institutions to use the grant funds
- Technical Assistance available FinancialManagementTeam@dhhs.nc.gov
- If you cannot use the funds for allowable costs, provide explanation and return funds to:

  DHHS Controller's Office

  Accounts Receivable Other

  2025 Mail Service Center

  Raleigh, NC 27699-2025







# Policy Memo 03-2021

Memo Code: CACFP 03-2021

Date of Issuance: November 17, 2021

Subject: Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold in 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1) (Uniform Guidance)

Purpose: Notifies State agencies and Child Nutrition Program operators of the regulatory changes made by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the Federal informal procurement method, micro-purchases, and the micro-purchase threshold in 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(i)-(v).



# Changes to the Uniform Guidance

Before	Now (After November)
• 2 CFR 200.320(a) required that to the extent practicable, Program operators must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers.	• 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(i) requires that to the maximum extent practicable, Program operators should distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers
• 2 CFR 200.320(a) stated that micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the State agency or Program operator considers the price to be reasonable	• 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(ii) state that micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive price or rate quotations, if the State agency or Program operator "considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents it files accordingly."

# Changes to the Uniform Guidance

Before	Now (After November)
	• 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iii) states the State agencies and Program operators are "responsibilities for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures." The regulations also provide that the micro-purchase threshold used "must be authorized or not prohibited under State, local, or tribal laws or regulations." State agencies and Program operators may establish a micro-purchase threshold that is higher than the Federal threshold established in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), as outlined below:  Increases to the micro-purchase threshold up to \$50,000

# Changes to the Uniform Guidance

Before	Now (After November)
	• 2 CFR 200.320(a)(iv) provide that State agencies and Program operators may self-certify a threshold up to \$50,000 on an annual basis and must maintain documentation of such self-certification. State agencies and Program operators choosing to self-certify must prepare and include a justification for the choice. The self-certification must include a justification, clear indication of the threshold, and supporting documentation of any of the following:  1. A qualification as a low-risk auditee, in accordance with the criteria in 2 CFR 200.520;  2. An annual internal institutional risk assessment to identify, mitigate, and manage financial risks; or  3. For public institutions, a higher threshold consistent with State law.
	• 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(v), in certain circumstances, Program operators and State agencies may request increases to the micro-purchase threshold over \$50,000 for indirect costs.

#### What Does it Mean:

- Verify if the State Procurement Policy has been changed based on the update to the uniform Guidance.
- The Program Operators can update their procurement policy to align with the State Procurement Policy.
- Program Operators will be responsible to maintain and provide all the supporting documentation mentioned in the regulations.







# Fiscal Year 2021-2022 APPLICATION UPDATE

#### **Application Update Extension**

The deadline for submitting Institution application updates has been extended until December 31, 2021.

Failure to submit your application on time may result in your Institution to go into serious deficiency status.





#### Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Duties and Documents for IC's 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Duties and Documents for SO's 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Compliance Review: Are You Ready? 9:00 am - 11:00 am

#### Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Menu Planning for Older Adults 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Go to <u>nutritionnc.com/training</u> to register.



#### **CACFP Success Stories**

- In anticipation of CACFP Week and National Nutrition Month, the State agency is looking for CACFP success stories.
- Follow this link <a href="https://fs24.formsite.com/cacfp/lurvkkttfj/index.html">https://fs24.formsite.com/cacfp/lurvkkttfj/index.html</a> and share your CACFP success stories. The first 20 institutions to submit a story will receive a gift in the mail!





## Farm-to-CACFP Grant Opportunity from USDA

- Institutions operating the CACFP are eligible
- Different application tracks for different activities
- Contact USDA Office of Community Food Systems for any questions on the opportunity
- Apply by January 10, 2022









# Questions and Answers

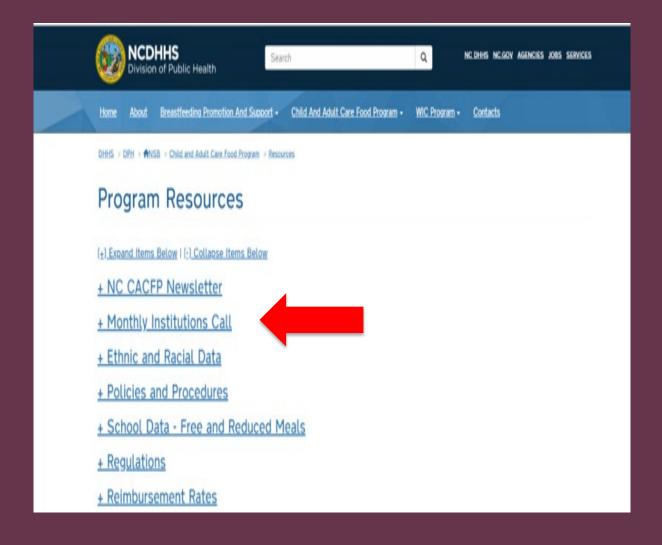
- 1) Please use the chat function to submit your questions.
- 2) We will review what we have time for that pertains to the good of the group.
- 3) Questions that apply to one specific institution will be handled offline.



# Monthly Institution Calls

The PowerPoints for the institution calls can now be found on our website www.nutritionnc.com

- Click on Child and Adult Care Food Program
- 2) Click on Program Resources
- 3) Click on Monthly Institution Calls



# Just Wanted to Say...



