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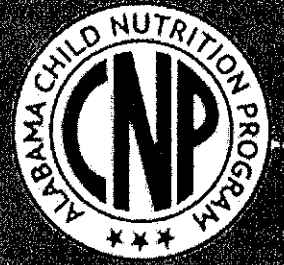
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
            State Superintendent of Education

RE: New Direct Certification Medicaid PowerSchool Lunch Codes

As announced December 16, 2021, Alabama is one of eight states selected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a demonstration project to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students. The goal of this project is to expand direct certification of children receiving Medicaid benefits to receive **free and reduced priced school meals**. The project should also facilitate streamlined access to the school meals programs, as well as increase program integrity.

In an ongoing effort to provide up-to-date student eligibility data to schools within your district, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is working with PowerSchool to import official lunch codes. The 2022-2023 PowerSchool Lunch Codes release will be available for import by local education agencies (LEAs) on July 1, 2022. The new meal status codes will be pushed to PowerSchool and posted on the Break for a Plate website.

Please review the attached New Direct Certification Medicaid PowerSchool Lunch Codes thoroughly for guidance. Program Operators should direct any questions concerning this guidance to the School Programs staff at (334) 694-4657 or email at cnpnslp@alsde.edu.

EGM/NS/MA

cc: Child Nutrition Directors

FY22-3035

Alabama State Department of Education of Education PowerSchool Lunch Codes

Lunch Code

1	FREE
2	REDUCED
3	PAID
4	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (SNAP)
5	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (TANF)
6	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (FDPIR)
7	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (FOSTER)
8	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (EXTENDED – SNAP)
9	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (EXTENDED – TANF)
10	N/A
11	FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (SCHIP)
12	FREE BASED ON HOMELESS DESIGNATION
13	FREE BASED ON MIGRANT DESIGNATION
14	FREE BASED ON RUNAWAY DESIGNATION
15	FREE BASED ON FOSTER - COUNTY DHR FOSTER LETTER
16	FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID
17	FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID REDUCED
18	FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID EXTENDED
19	REDUCED BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID EXTENDED
20	PARENT DECLINED SERVICES – CHANGED TO PAID
99	TEMP DC

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