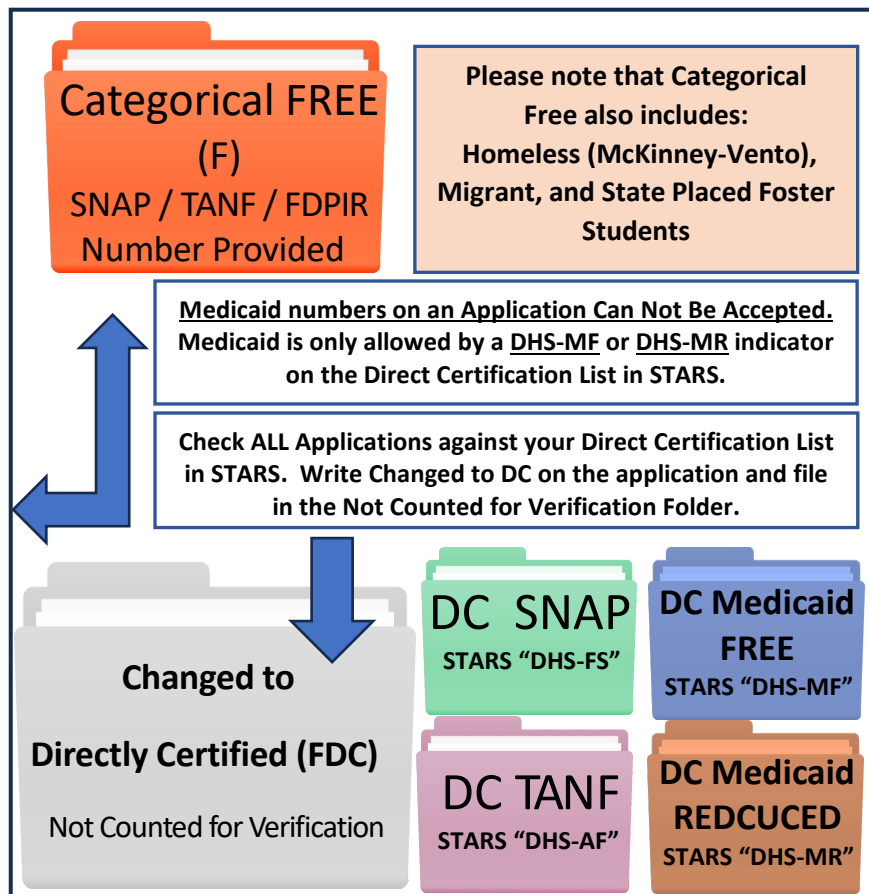
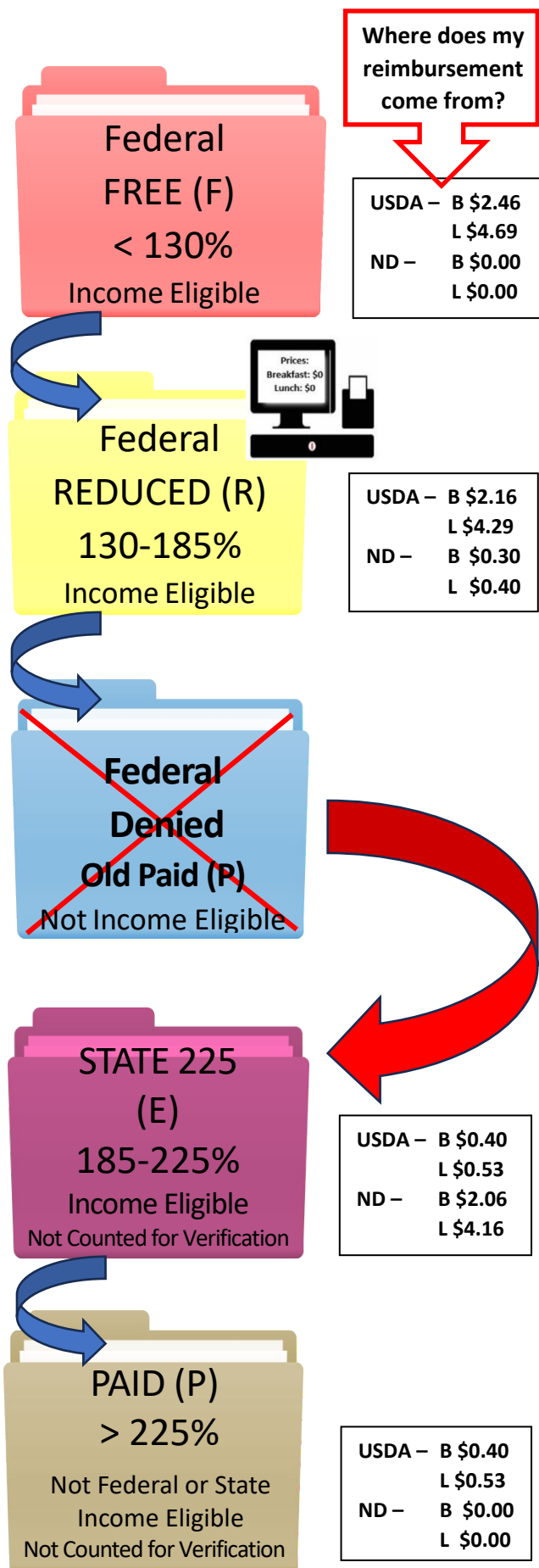


Determining 2025-2026 Free & Reduced-Price Meal Applications



NEW STEP

Federal Denied (over federal income guidelines) applications are matched against the STATE 225 guidelines.

- To the applicant who qualifies for meals under 225% of the Poverty Level, they will receive One Breakfast and Lunch per day at No Cost.
 - Snack is not included
- To the district, however, we need to qualify and report students and meals by the different statuses due to varying federal and state reimbursement rates for each status.

Medicaid Free (DHS-MF) and Medicaid Reduced (DHS-MR) have been added to the STARS Direct Certification Notification

- Medicaid can only be indicated by the Direct Certification List and does not allow for application indication.

Transfer your Determination to PowerSchool

Federal Direct Certification (FDC)
 DHS-FS, DHS-AF, DHS-MF
 Reduced-DC (RDC)
 DHS-MR
 Federal Free - Free (F)
 Federal Reduced - Reduced (R)
 State Free 225 - Exempt (E)
 Full Pay - Paid (P)
 (no status) – Not Participating (ex. Homeschool, PK)

(no status)
 Full pay (P)
 Reduced (R)
 Free (F)
 Exempt (E)
 Temporary (T)
 Free-DC (FDC)
 Reduced-DC (RDC)