

# 2024-25 Free and Reduced Application Refresh & Medicaid Direct Certification

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# Agenda

- Direct Certification -Medicaid
- Free/Reduced Applications and State 200 Updates
- Q&A

# Upcoming Informational Meetings

- Across the Desk
  - Designed for Admin, Recordkeepers, Food Service Directors
  - Quarterly – October 1st , January 14th, April 8th
- Office Hours
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00-2:30 p.m.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30 a.m.
  - September 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30 a.m.
  - September 18th 2:00-2:30 p.m.
  - September 24th 10:00-10:30 a.m.
  - September 26th 10:00-10:30 a.m.



# Direct Certification - Medicaid

- Students can now be considered Free or Reduced through Direct Certification-Medicaid
- New Indicator on STARS Direct Cert Report

### Current Indicators

DHS-FS (SNAP)

DHS-AF (TANF)

### New Indicators

DHS-MF (Medicaid Free)

DHS-MR (Medicaid Reduced)



O	P	Q	R	
DirectCertEnrollmentDate ▾	CaseNu▾	DHSSou▾	EligibleDate ▾	
9/6/2023	208206	DHS-MR	7/2/2023	
9/6/2023	208206	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	
1/28/2024	407612	DHS-MF	1/28/2024	
9/6/2023	266619	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	
9/6/2023	266619	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	
9/6/2023	266619	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	
9/6/2023	266619	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	
10/8/2023	477089	DHS-AF	10/8/2023	
10/8/2023	477089	DHS-AF	10/8/2023	
9/6/2023	404085	DHS-FS	7/2/2023	

Lunch status

Full pay (P) ▼

Application #

Date Submitted

Date Responded

Lunch ID

Current balance

(no status)

Full pay (P)

Reduced (R) ↗

Free (F)

Exempt (E)

Temporary (T)

Free-DC (FDC)

Reduced-DC (RDC)

\$ 0.00

# Medicaid Status on an Application

- How do I know if someone qualifies for Medicaid Direct Certification?
- Can a family write a Medicaid number on an application?
- Does Medicaid Eligibility extend to other household members?





ORDER of PRECEDENCE				
Eligibility Type	Benefit Type	Description	PowerSchool Indicator	
STARS	DHS-FS	SNAP benefit indicated by NDDPI	Free-DC (FDC)	
STARS	DHS-AF	TANF benefit indicated by NDDPI	Free-DC (FDC)	
Categorical	Foster	Foster Indicated by School	Free-DC (FDC)	
Categorical	Migrant	Migrant Indicated by School	Free-DC (FDC)	
Categorical	Homeless/Runaway	Homeless or Runaway Indicated by School	Free-DC (FDC)	
Categorical	Extended Eligibility	Extended Eligibility Indicated by School	Free-DC (FDC)	
STARS	DHS-MF	Medicaid Free (<130) benefit indicated by NDDPI	Free-DC (FDC)	
Application	FREE < 130	Free Income by Application	Free (F)	
STARS	DHS-MR	Medicaid Reduced (<185) benefit indicated by NDDPI	Reduced-DC (RDC)	
Application	REDUCED < 185	Reduced Income by Application	Reduced (R)	
Application	STATE 200 < 200	State 200 Income by Application	Exempt (E)	
Application	PAID > 200	Paid - OVER Income by Application	Full Pay (P)	
<b>(no status)</b>		- should be used for any student who does not receive meals at school		
		(ie. Homeschooled students, PreK students not offered a meal, ....)		
		POWERSCHOOL STATUS		
		(no status)		

# STARS Direct Reporting

When will STARS reporting be turned on?



## Direct Certification

Status: NOT APPLICABLE

### Sections

Broadcast Notifications

Matched Notifications

### Tools

**Export to CSV**


Student Lookup

### Functions

Export

### Main Contact

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## Export

Available Exports:

Direct Certification Students ▼

**Selected Export Description:**

Export list of Direct Certification students for a district

# **“State 200” Expanded Eligibility Guidelines**

- New Name Change from  
State Free to State 200

# State 200 Information

Year 1 (2023-24)

Approximately 1800 Students Were Eligible In 2023-24

New Name: “State 200”

2024-25 is the second year of State 200 funding. Must be renewed at the next Legislative Session in 2025

SY Free Reduced Info For 24-25 Is on DPI Website





# State 200 Information

- Use State Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines when approving applications
- Categorize students in the eligibility category they qualify in.
- Four Categories of Applications – Free, Reduced, State 200, Denied (Paid)
- Applications that are approved for State 200 are not subject to Federal Verification
- Title 1 and ERATE are based on Federal Eligibility only



## Department of Public Instruction Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Federal Free Meals – 130 Percent						Federal Reduced-Price Meal – 185 Percent						State Free - 200 Percent					
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	2x Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	2x Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	2x Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$816	\$753	\$377	1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536	1	\$30,120	\$2,510	\$1,255	\$1,159	\$580
2	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$1,108	\$1,022	\$511	2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$1,455	\$728	2	\$40,880	\$3,407	\$1,704	\$1,573	\$787
3	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$1,399	\$1,291	\$646	3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919	3	\$51,640	\$4,304	\$2,152	\$1,987	\$994
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,560	\$780	4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110	4	\$62,400	\$5,200	\$2,600	\$2,400	\$1,200
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,982	\$1,829	\$915	5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302	5	\$73,160	\$6,097	\$3,049	\$2,814	\$1,407
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$2,098	\$1,049	6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,986	\$1,493	6	\$83,920	\$6,994	\$3,497	\$3,228	\$1,614
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$2,565	\$2,367	\$1,184	7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$3,369	\$1,685	7	\$94,680	\$7,890	\$3,945	\$3,642	\$1,821
8	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$2,856	\$2,636	\$1,318	8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$3,752	\$1,876	8	\$105,440	\$8,787	\$4,394	\$4,056	\$2,028
For each additional family member, add	\$6,994	\$583	\$292	\$269	\$135	For each additional family member add	\$9,953	\$830	\$415	\$383	\$192	For each additional family member, add	\$10,760	\$897	\$449	\$414	\$207

**NOTE: Do not allow hardship deductions from the above.**

### Reminders

- \*Error Prone Applications: Any application within \$100 *per month* of the applicable IEGs.
- \*Multiply income that is received every 2 weeks (biweekly) by 26 to arrive at annual income.
- \*Multiply weekly income by 52 to arrive at annual income.
- \*Gross or total income must be used in determining eligibility for wage earners.
- \*A net loss from a business or farm may not be used to offset other income. A negative income is denoted as \$0.

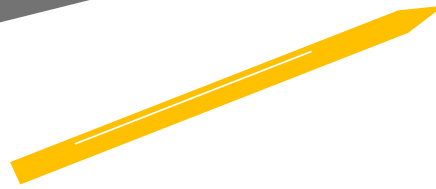
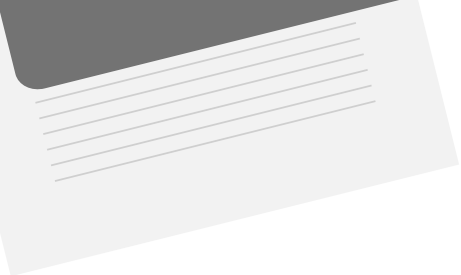
Teams/general/4nslp/new year 2025

Income Conversion/ERROR PRONE	Yearly	Monthly	2x Month	Every 2 weeks (Bi-Weekly)	Weekly
Annual Income Conversion: Multiply income by	X 1	X 12	X 24	X 26	X 52
Error Prone: \$ Range Below the free or reduced-price income eligibility limit.	\$0-\$1,200	\$0-\$100	\$0-\$50	\$0-\$50	\$0-\$25

# Carryover Period

- **Students previously determined as free or reduced can be carried over for 30 school days.** (Count 30 days from the first day of school – not weekends or Labor Day)
- **Use the most recent data available per student.**
- **Remember to reset the status back to paid (full-priced) after 30 days.**

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# Questions?

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