

4. This institution assures:
 - a. There will be no overt identification of free and reduced-price meal recipients and no discrimination against any participant on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
 - b. Charges for reduced-price meals will not exceed 40 cents for lunch or supper, 30 cents for a breakfast, and 15 cents for a supplement (snack).
 - c. Institution will establish a hearing procedure, for use when meal benefits are denied or terminated as a result of verification, that meets the following requirements:
 - i. A simple, publicly announced method for a family to make an oral or written request for a hearing;
 - ii. An opportunity for the family to be assisted or represented by an attorney or other person in presenting its appeal;
 - iii. An opportunity to examine, prior to and during the hearing, the documents and records presented to support the decision under appeal;
 - iv. That the hearing shall be held with reasonable promptness and convenience to the family and that adequate notice shall be given to the family as to the time and place of the hearing;
 - v. An opportunity for the family to present oral or documentary evidence and arguments supporting its position;
 - vi. An opportunity for the family to question or refute any testimony or other evidence and to confront and cross-examine any adverse witnesses;
 - vii. That the hearing shall be conducted and the determination made by a hearing official who did not participate in making the initial decision;
 - viii. The determination of the hearing official shall be based on the oral and documentary evidence presented at the hearing and made a part of that hearing record;
 - ix. That the family and any designated representative shall be notified in writing of the decision of the hearing official;
 - x. That a written record shall be prepared with respect to each hearing, which shall include the decision under appeal, any documentary evidence and a summary of any oral testimony presented at the hearing, the decision of the hearing official, including the reasons therefor, and a copy of the notification to the family of the decision of the hearing official; and
 - xi. That such written record of each hearing shall be preserved for a period of three years and shall be available for examination by the family or its representatives at any reasonable time and place during such period.

This approved pricing policy statement will continue in effect unless a revised policy statement is submitted and approved by the Montana Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

Signature of State Representative

Date

Print Name/Title

Print Name/Title