

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM		ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	AT-RISK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL		7/1/03	2/12	4	4.4
CHAPTER Chapter 4. The Reimbursement System			SUBJECT For-Profit Title XX Centers			

A traditional for-profit child care may receive reimbursement for at-risk after school snack and/or supper meals if it meets the eligibility requirements (Section 2.2) and is eligible to participate in the CACFP through its traditional child care center. To be eligible for reimbursement, a center must be located in an area with an eligible area school and receive compensation from the State of Missouri under Title XX of the Social Security Act for at least 25 percent of its enrollment or 25 percent of its license capacity, whichever is less, or have 25% of the enrollment meet the eligibility criteria for free or reduced price meals (185% of federal poverty or below) during the month.

When calculating whether the center meets the 25% criteria, only the children enrolled in the traditional childcare component of the center should be considered. For-profit centers and sponsoring organizations of at-risk after school programs must submit the number of enrolled children in the child care and the number of child care children receiving Title XX benefits or eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits for each month that a CACFP claim for reimbursement is submitted. This means that at least 25% of the participants served by the center through its traditional child care component:

- Are eligible for free or reduced-price meals based on their household income; or
- Receive benefits under Title XX of the Social Security Act and the center receives compensation under Title XX.

To evaluate eligibility, the following steps must be taken each month:

- Determine how many children enrolled in the child care center were in attendance at least one day for the month being claimed. Children in attendance include part-time and drop-in care. Only children in attendance in the child care component are included in the calculation, not children attending the at-risk after school program
- Compare the licensed capacity and the number of children enrolled and in attendance for the month. Determine which of the two numbers is the least.
- Determine how many Title XX children enrolled at the center or children eligible for free or reduced meal reimbursement were in attendance at least one day for the month being claimed. This should be done by counting the total number of children whose names appear on the vendor billing for the month you are claiming reimbursement. Only children in attendance in the childcare component are included in the calculation, not children participating in the at-risk after school program.
- Divide the number of the Title XX children or free/reduced price children by the total number of children in attendance or the center's license capacity (whichever is less) for the claim month. Remember only children in the regular childcare component are included in the calculation; do not include children participating in the at-risk after school program. If this number is greater than or equal

to 0.25, you may submit a claim for reimbursement for that month. If the number is less than 0.25, your center is not eligible to claim reimbursement for the month. Numbers cannot be rounded up to make 25%.

For example, a for-profit childcare center has 32 children enrolled for care in the child care center with a licensed capacity of 40, and also operates an at-risk after school program for school-age children in the center.

The center would use 32 in the calculation because it is the lesser of the two numbers. The center would be able to claim reimbursement through CACFP, for meals served under the traditional child care component and for at-risk after school snack and/or supper meals, in any month in which at least 8 of the 32 preschool children are Title XX recipients or eligible for free/reduced price meals.

The following calculation applies: $8 \text{ divided by } 32 = .25$