

Process Claim: Claims Step 4: Review of Errors by Sponsor



NOTE: the dashboard icon “Review Claim Errors and Disallow Meals” is called “Check for Errors or Submit to Sponsor” if logged in as a site-level user. In addition, site-level users do not have a “Process Claim” dashboard button.

The claims process has five steps:

1. Meal validation (“check for errors”) by the site.
2. Review and correction of any errors by the site.
3. Submission to sponsor by the site.
4. Correction of any errors and meal disallowances by the sponsor.
5. Claims creation by the sponsor.

Once a site has indicated that they have completed the review of their meal counts and attendance for the month, the next step is for the sponsor to complete a second review and also disallow any meals.

Any errors that have been identified by My Food Program are listed on the “Review Claim Errors and Disallow Meals” screen. Below is a list of all potential errors and the method used to resolve the errors if it is possible. You may be asking the site for additional documentation in order to clear errors. **Sponsors must not resolve errors unless they are genuine, have documentation and a logical explanation. If errors are true violations of CACFP rules and not incorrect input, the corresponding meals will be disallowed in the claims creation process.**

There is a green button labeled “Check for New Enrollment Forms” that allows you to specifically look for enrollment forms that have been added to the software in the time between when the provider or center clicked “Submit to Sponsor” but before the claim is created. This button will disappear once a claim is created and is hidden from the provider or center.

There is another button called “Resubmit with Sponsor Changes”. This will allow sponsors to correct any recordkeeping mistakes related to attendance, meal counts, menus or add additional enrollment or income forms and re-submit the claim WITHOUT changing the date/time that the site originally submitted their information to the sponsor. IF a new date/time stamp on submission is needed, the “Withdraw Meal Submission” button can be used for that purpose. This button will appear after a provider or center has submitted their claim to the sponsor but a claim has not been created yet.

#	ERROR	HOW IT GETS TRIGGERED	HOW TO GET DETAILS	WHAT TO DO NEXT
1	Meals/snacks claimed outside of the operating days.	A meal count is entered for a meal or snack that is not on a day that the facility is open. NOTE: this can only occur if site days of operation are changed in Site Details after a meal count is entered.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal(s) and/or snack(s) that were recorded and are now outside the operating days.	Verify the days and meals that the facility is open under “Site Details”. Remove or disallow the meal/snack counts for the days that are outside of operating days.

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2	Meals/snacks claimed outside of the operating hours.	A meal count is entered for a meal or snack that is during a time that the facility is not open. NOTE: this can only occur if site times of operation are changed in Site Details after a meal count is entered.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal(s) and/or snack(s) that were recorded and are now outside the operating times.	Verify the times and meals that the facility is open. If accurate, meals must remain disallowed. Remove or disallow the meal/snack counts that are outside of operating hours.
3	Meals which do not meet the USDA meal pattern requirements.	Site Details are configured to validate menus AND a meal or snack does not meet the meal pattern requirements.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal(s) or snack(s) that are not creditable.	Verify that the meal or snack menu to accurate as to what components were served. If so, meals must remain disallowed. If you are using another system to track menus: Change Site Details configuration to "Ignore meal validation".
4	Meals claimed that differ from those recorded by the field monitor at the time of the visit.	A meal recorded by a site differs from the meal recorded by a monitor.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal or snack that is a mis-match. Visits will have details about the menu recorded by the monitor while the Menu section will have the menu recorded by the site.	Revise the site menu to match that recorded by the field monitor. This is most likely related to specific callouts on units or product numbers. Ex: Blueberries, fresh, lbs VS Blueberries, cups.
5	Meals for which there are no menus.	Site Details are configured to enforce meal validation AND a meal count has been entered for a meal or snack and no menu was entered.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal(s) and snack(s) without menus.	Delete or disallow the meal counts. Add a creditable menu that matches what was actually served. If you are using another system to track menus: Change Site Details configuration to "Ignore meal validation".
6	Too many meals claimed for program	This error is only applicable to sites that do headcount meal counts. It is triggered when the site is attempting to claim more than 2 meals and 1 snack or 1 meal and 2 snacks, which would require meal count by name	Site Details will have the meals offered by the site.	Switch the site from Meal Count Method "Headcount" to "Roster" or remove the available meals and snacks to 2 meals and 1 snack or 2 snacks and 1 meal.

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7	Meal count is zero for head count based site.	A menu is entered but no children were marked in for the meal.	Disallowed Meals Report will list the meal(s) and snack(s) without a count entered.	Enter meal counts if they were recorded on a backup (ex: paper or other system), otherwise they must remain disallowed.
8	Meal temperatures out of range	The sponsor has set the policy to disallow meals that are outside of the safe range and a food temperature was recorded outside of the safe range.	The Food Temperature Report will have all recorded food temperatures for each meal.	Adjust any food temperatures that were entered incorrectly.