

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
FNS National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

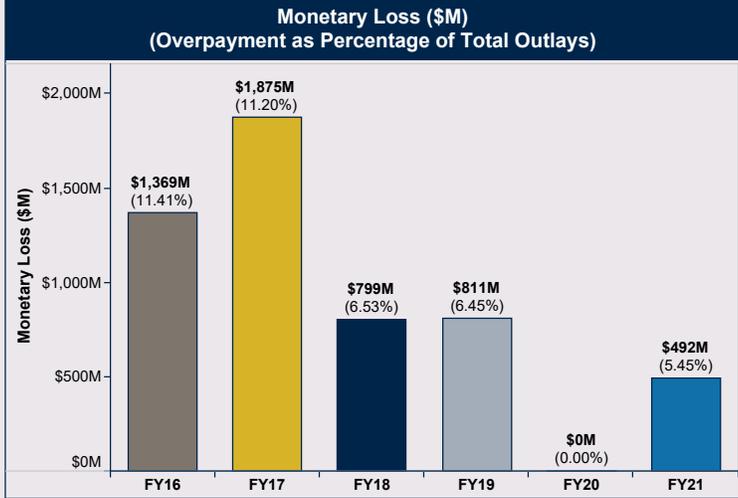
Reporting Period
Q1 2022

Change from Previous FY (\$M) **\$492M**

USDA
FNS National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

Brief Program Description:
The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to children.

Key Milestones	Status	ECD
1 Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	On-Track	Sep-22
2 Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	On-Track	Sep-22
3 Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Sep-22
4 Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Sep-22
5 Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Sep-22
6 Achieved compliance with PIIA	On-Track	Sep-22
7 Identified any data needs for mitigation	On-Track	Sep-22



Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss	Status	ECD
1 Q1 2022 The majority of NSLP/SBP participating schools are operating under waivers that allow serving no-cost meals to all students without the need for certifying applications.	On-Track	Sep-22

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments

Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss		Date
1	FNS awarded 50 State agencies \$37M in non-competitive Technology Innovation Grants. These awards support technology maintenance/improvements to enhance program integrity, and leverage other efficiencies in administration and delivery of CN Programs.	Sep-21
2	FNS recently completed research on Independent Review of Applications (IRA). IRA is intended to reduce administrative certification error in LEA processing of household applications. FNS is using the study results to inform IRA process improvements.	Dec-21
3	Continued work with States that received 2019 Administrative Review and Training Grants to build statewide online NSLP/SBP applications; to date, two such applications have been developed, and a feasibility study is in process in one additional State	Feb-22

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$492M	Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because the Data/Information Needed Does Not Exist.	Households may incorrectly self-report and administrative staff may miscalculate household's application information resulting in miscertification. There are no dataset/database that include household-level information for each household application.	Automation - automatically controlled operation, process, or system	Improve accuracy of eligibility determinations to certify children for free, reduced price, and paid NSLP/SBP meals through increased automation and enhanced integrity features of electronic NSLP/SBP meal benefit applications.

Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.