

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
FNS National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

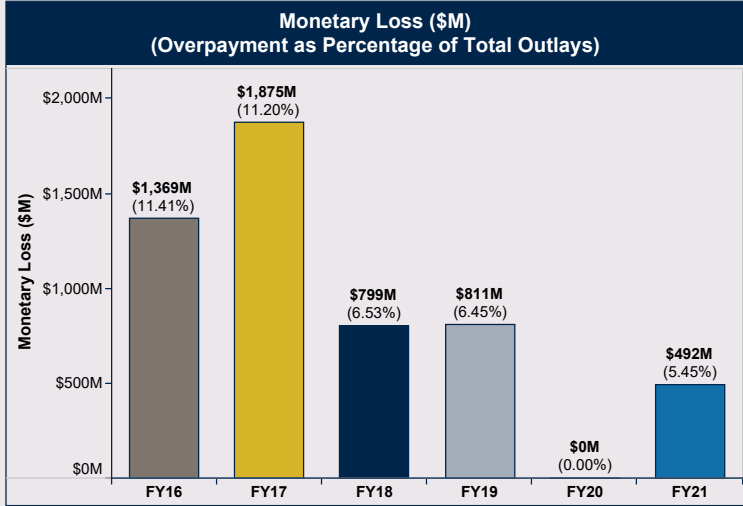
Reporting Period
Q3 2022

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 Q3 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	Awarded 17 State agencies \$12.9M in reallocated non-competitive Technology Innovation Grants (nTIG) funds to support State CN programs IT systems. State agencies that received FY21 nTIG funds were eligible to apply for reallocation funds.		Jun-22
2	FNS will expand demonstration projects with NSLP/SBP administering state and Medicaid agencies to enable direct certification with Medicaid (DC-M). DC-M projects are intended to reduce both household and administrative certification error.		Jun-22
3	Participated in the July, 2022 School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference to promote voluntary, integrity-focused efforts such as the verification-focused data validation service and the USDA web-based prototype school meals application.		Jul-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 is no dataset/database that includes 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.