

A stylized yellow graphic of a fork, with the tines pointing upwards and the handle curving downwards, positioned on the left side of the slide.

Medicaid Direct Certification

Statewide Opportunity to Increase
Access to Free & Reduced Price
School Meals

California public school students eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals

THREE out of **FIVE**



One tool could connect **500,000+**
at-risk students in California
with much-needed school meals.

Today

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Tomorrow

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The Process

is seamless *and* paperless



Each month, the **California Departments of Education and Health Care Services**

collaborate to directly certify eligible students whose household incomes fall within certain thresholds.

LEAs can use the **California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS)** to access a list of students who are directly certified for free and reduced-price school meals.





Who

- **All Public School Districts**
- **County Offices of Education**
- **Charter School LEAs**

When

The CDE has committed to making Medicaid Direct Certification available statewide within the **2017-2018** school year.



Why this matters

**Decreased
Application
Burden &
Error Rates**

**Increased
Funds for
Schools**

**Improved
Access
to Healthy
School
Meals**

TAKE ACTION!

**Learn more about
Direct Certification
in your district**

**Draw connections
& build interest**



Thank you!

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