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## January 2026 Monthly Newsletter

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### Increase to the Micro-purchase Threshold

On October 1, the Office of Management and Budget increased the micro-purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Effective immediately, all Organizations (formerly known as Contracting Entities) can use this higher threshold when using the micro-purchase method of procurement. All handbooks will be updated soon to reflect this new threshold. All other procurement requirements remain unchanged.

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### Call for Recipes!

One of the most common things CEs request is more recipes. TDA has heard the requests and is seeking recipe submissions from Texas school districts and childcare providers to share. If you have recipes your students love that you'd like to share, [please submit them and a photo here](#).

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### January TANS Talk & New Summer Rollout Schedule!

To better align with the Program Year calendar and our development efforts, the new TANS rollout date for **Summer Applications** is now scheduled for **January 2027** and **Summer Claims and Compliance** are scheduled to launch in **May 2027**. To learn more, please visit the [TANS homepage](#) on SquareMeals.

Thank you for taking some time to join and participate in our January TANS Talk webinar. [Click here](#) to find a recap presentation of the talking points that were discussed and a video recording of the webinar.

You can also find **January's** TANS Talk video recording and PowerPoint slides on [SquareMeals](#) under "**TANS Updates**."



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