

FOOD PROGRAM Memo



MAY 2017

The April claim payment will be deposited or checks sent by Friday, June 1st.

NEW MEAL PATTERNS

A reminder that October 1st is the implementation date for the New Meal Patterns. In the past few memos, we have been highlighting different sections of the New Meal Patterns as well shared links to various DPI handouts. This month we are sharing links to the full Infant Meal Pattern https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cacfp/CACFP_infantmealpattern.pdf and the full Child Meal Pattern https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cacfp/CACFP_childmealpattern.pdf

In addition, below are summaries of the main changes in the New Meal Patterns.

Infant Meal Pattern

- Only two age groups
- Encourages and supports breastfeeding
- Emphasis on introducing solid foods only when the child is developmentally ready
- Will be able to serve yogurts and whole eggs
- Will not be able to serve juice, cheese food, or cheese spread

Child Meal Pattern

- Fruits and Vegetables will be separate components
- At least one serving of grains per day must be whole grain-rich
- Meat/meat alternates can replace the entire grains component at breakfast up to three times per week
- Juice is limited to once per day
- Breakfast cereal can contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce
- Yogurt can contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces
- Tofu and soy yogurt can be served as a meat alternate
- Grain based desserts will not be allowable (such as granola bars, cereal bars, graham crackers, animal crackers, cookies, toaster pastries, brownies, etc.)
- No flavored milk for kids under 6 years

DID YOU KNOW...

The current online claiming system is being replaced by a new one, called KidKare. Many of you who claim online have already switched over. Please remember that starting October 1st, Minute Menu Kid (the current online system) will no longer exist and KidKare will be the only option. We highly encourage you to switch over before the deadline. If you are currently an online claimer and are going to switch over to KidKare, you will use the same log-in and password. If you are currently a paper claimer and want to switch to online, please make sure to call or email the office for a user name and password. **PLEASE NOTE:** the 4-C CACFP version of KidKare is a free service for you, so if you are trying to log in and are being asked to pay money you are not in the right place!

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REMINDER

A reminder about daily meal service.....whichever meal/snack you are serving to the children; they need to be “offered” all of the components. For pre-plated meal service, this means all required meal components in at least their minimum serving sizes must be placed on the child’s serving dish and his/her drinking cup within reach. In other words, in order to meet the requirement for “offering” the food to a child, it must be placed in front of them. If a child does not eat or drink what has been placed in front of them, that’s okay, you’ve offered it; however, if a child verbally tells you they do not want a component it does not mean you don’t have to place it in front of them.

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