

# FOOD PROGRAM Memo



**AUGUST 2017**

The July claim payment will be deposited or checks sent by Friday, September 1, 2017.

## REIMBURSEMENT RATE UPDATE

**New Reimbursement Rates:** The new reimbursement rates for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 are listed below. All Tier 1 rates stayed the same as last year. Tier 2 lunch and dinner rates decreased by 1 cent.

	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>
Breakfast	\$1.31	\$ .48
Lunch & Dinner	\$2.46	\$1.48
Snacks	\$ .73	\$ .20

### Why Didn't the Family Child Care Reimbursement Rates Increase?

USDA is required to update the reimbursement rates for inflation by using the Consumer Price Index for "food at home" to adjust family child care rates. The Consumer Price Index for "food at home" was nearly unchanged, with only a slight decrease (0.16 percent). Consequently, the rates for family child care homes are mainly unchanged. An increase in reimbursement rates would have more accurately reflected the real costs to providers.

## KIDKARE

### Thinking about waiting to the last minute to switch to KidKare?

Please consider this. Providers who wait until October 1st to switch run the risk of: login issues, needing technical assistance for submitting their September claims, needing technical assistance with recording meals, having issues that cannot be resolved immediately and may need to record their claim on paper, confusion with the new meal pattern, etc. Any provider that experience issues on October 1st should expect longer than usual wait times for receiving customer support from Minute Menu KidKare staff.

**Paper claimers:** When your hand gets tired of filling in "bubbles" or "hand writing" on the menu forms, contact Bette at the office for online claiming information ☺

Over 80 percent of 4-C's providers now claim online. Do they know something that you don't know?

## NEW MEAL PATTERN

Effective October 1, 2017, Master Menus can no longer be used. They don't meet the new USDA meal pattern requirements. On line providers who use your own custom menus, please keep in mind that these will need to be changed to reflect the new meal pattern requirements.

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Please Note: 4-C will not create new Master Menus for use on October 1st. During this first year of implementation of the new meal patterns, we believe one key way for providers to learn the new requirements is by writing out the components of each meal served. Not only will it help you learn, it will also allow Nutrition Specialists to more easily review your menus and offer technical assistance when needed.

For those of you who use Master Menus due to the ease of having the meals already planned out, keep in mind that if you claim online you can set up your own personalized menu cycles. In addition, USDA has created several weeks of sample menus that meet the new meal pattern [https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/cacfp\\_sample\\_menus.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/cacfp_sample_menus.pdf)

Always keep in mind that 4-C Nutrition Specialists are happy to come out and meet with you and help you transition from using the old 4-C Master Menus to creating your own new personalized menus.

## RECIPE

### Fresh Fruit Slushies



- 1/3 cup ice cubes
- 1/2 cup fresh fruit (peeled, hulled, etc)
- optional: pinch unrefined sea salt (for hydration)
- optional: 1 Tbsp. honey (depending on the sweetness of the fruit)
- optional: 1 - 3 Tbsp. water (depending on how much liquid is in the fruit)

Combine all of the ingredients in a high powered blender. Blend until ice is crushed but not completely pureed. Serve immediately.

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