

# FOOD PROGRAM Memo



## CACFP Meal Pattern Waiver - Milk Update

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this time period when information and guidance comes out fast and then sometimes changes just as fast. From all of the emails that have been sent out regarding the changes with the Food Program, there has been some contradictory information regarding milk. After discussion with DPI, we have final clarification.

Below is the contradicting information that was sent out:

- In March, everyone was sent an email stating that as of March 20th, if you could not find the correct milk for the age groups you serve (or couldn't find any milk), this was allowable, and it simply needed to be recorded on your menus, and nothing else was required.
- On April 1st, everyone was sent an email stating that USDA was allowing Meal Pattern Flexibility (including milk); however in order to participate, you are required to submit the waiver survey and then 4-C CACFP needs to either approve or deny your request.

### Here is the final clarification:

- Any provider who was unable to find the correct milk in March and submitted this on your March claim, there is no further action needed.
- Any provider who is unable to find the correct milk starting April 1st onward, needs to fill out the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver survey and get approval from 4-C CACFP. Here is a [link to the survey](#) again if needed.

We greatly apologize for any confusion - please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

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