

FOOD PROGRAM Memo



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The October claim payment will be deposited or checks sent by Friday, December 1, 2017.



- We once again say a big Thank You for everyone's patience as the "bugs" are worked out of the online system during this transition period. As always, please feel free to contact the 4-C CACFP office with any questions. In addition, the "get help" button located on the left side of the KidKare screen is a great tool with information and videos on using KidKare.
- Remember you need to serve one whole grain per day AND note it when entering in meals/snacks served. We're seeing a lot of providers serving whole grains, but not recording it. To do this in KidKare, you need to click the button under the Bread/Alternate which reads "is this whole-grain rich" to "yes" when you serve the whole grain product for that meal or snack.

Meat/Alternate	Havarti Cheese (102)
Bread/Alternate	Whole Wheat Bread (062)
	Is this whole grain-rich? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vegetables	Broccoli (163)
Fruit/Vegetable	Blueberries (005)
Milk	1% - Lowfat children 2+ years, whole milk for 1 year olds (2)

- A best practice to be sure all required components are being served for a meal/snack is to check before submitting the claim. To check your components served for meals/snacks served do the following:
 - Go to reports – select a category (meals & attendance) – select a report (food served) – select the month and then click "run" – the report will show up in colors according to food chart.
 - By checking this report, you will be able to see if you had missed any components. You will be able to go back and make any corrections before submitting the claim.

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PAPER CLAIMERS

We would like all paper claimers to start using the new menus (if you are not doing so already) starting with your January claim. We have a plan underway to be sure that providers will all receive the new menus to start with the January claim.

PLEASE NOTE: You cannot mix old and new paper menus within a month. If you do, your claim will not process correctly.

Whole Grains – With new menus, please bubble each meal at which a whole grain-rich item was served. If still using the old menus, please write WG (whole grain) next to the bread/bread alternative you are serving.

Master Menu Numbers – are no longer being used. We would like everyone to write out all the food that they are serving.

DID YOU KNOW....

There have been some changes made to the food chart. The new food chart was included in paper claimers mailing for October. It's also on the 4-C website (www.4-C.org Food Program/Forms/Food Chart). Below are some highlights of changes made:

- Pickles, onions or olives will no longer be creditable as a fruit/vegetable.
- Juice is not allowed for infants (and should be served only once per day to non-infants).
- Grain based desserts (except graham crackers or animal crackers) are no longer creditable.
- Check out the added foods in the whole grain and fruit/vegetable area. Who knew that seaweed was creditable?

RECIPE IDEAS

Do you have a favorite recipe using some of the new items on the food chart that you would like to share with other providers? Please contact our office with your ideas. It is always great to get new ideas and uses for different foods. There will be recipes coming soon from some of our providers who use cactus when cooking - Prickly Pear Cactus Salsa sounds really good!

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