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JUNE 2021

The May claim payment will be deposited or checks sent by Friday, June 25, 2021.

TIERING JULY 2021-JUNE 2022

Effective July 1, 2021 a USDA waiver goes into effect that allows all day care homes to receive Tier 1 reimbursements rates for all meals and snacks served to day care children regardless of income level or location. At this time, it is unclear as to whether this waiver also applies to a provider claiming their own children. DPI is waiting on further information from USDA and pending any clarification from USDA is directing Sponsoring Agencies to assume a provider still needs to be income eligible to claim their own children.

Providers who usually need to submit income forms in July to continue to qualify for Tier 1 for day care children, will not have to submit anything this year!! The only forms that will need to be submitted are those for providers who wish to claim their own children.

Please keep in mind, the payment you receive in July is actually for your June claim, so you will not see the increase to Tier 1 rates until you are paid for the July claim in August.

OUNCE EQUIVALENTS FOR GRAINS

Effective October 1, 2021, ounce equivalents will be the required method for determining serving sizes of grains in the CACFP. 4-C CACFP is still waiting on specific guidance from DPI regarding specific implementation and training requirements for Home Sponsors and Family Child Care Providers. While we are waiting for this, the DPI has a resources page for Ounce Equivalent Grains with a lot of great information you can go and check out to start learning about Ounce Equivalents (https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/training/ounce_equivalents), including:

- A recording of the webinar that DPI provided on May 19th on how to use ounce equivalents for grains and provided tools, strategies, and resources for CACFP operators to use.
- A Q&A Document of questions submitted at the live webinar on May 19th
- Links to Team Nutrition handouts

USDA MY PLATE



On June 2, 2021 MyPlate turned 10! MyPlate reminds us that small changes matter, and every bite counts! Check out Team Nutrition's MyPlate webpage for materials developed specifically for kids and families <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/myplate>.

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RECIPES

Health Birthday Choices

(from the National CACFP Sponsors Association)

https://www.4-c.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Healthy-Birthday-Choices-cacfp.org_.pdf

Birthdays are a great reason to celebrate, however that doesn't mean you need to eat cake and ice cream. Here are some healthy alternatives that will make every child feel celebrated on their big day!

Rainbow Pancakes

Ingredients:

Pancake Mix

Food Coloring

¼ cup of Greek vanilla yogurt



Directions: Make pancake batter accordingly. Divide mix into 4-6 separate batches. Add a couple drops of food coloring into each batch to make a rainbow of colors. Lightly coat pan with cooking spray and heat on medium. Pour batter onto pan (about 2 tbsp for each pancake). Cook until bubbles burst, flip and cook for another 2 minutes. Serve with a spoonful of Greek yogurt on top.

Fruity Banana Split

Ingredients:

3 bananas

1-1/2 cups of low-fat vanilla yogurt

2 cups of cubed fruit and berries of choice (strawberries, blueberries, pineapple, mango and/or blackberries)

Directions: Cut the bananas in half lengthwise and then again, you should have four total slices from each banana. Add a 1/4 cup of yogurt to each bowl, then add a banana slice to either side and top with fruit mixture.



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