

# Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

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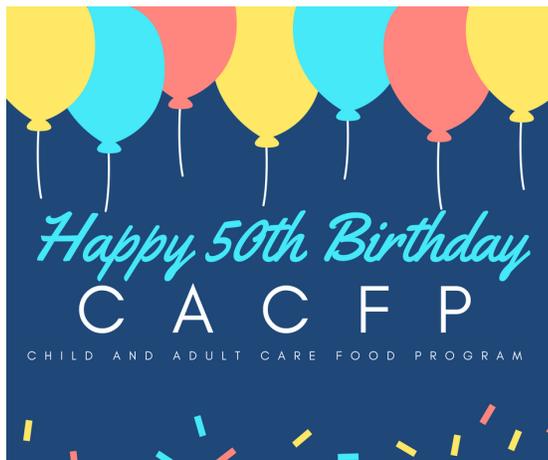
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### ***Child & Adult Care Food Program Turns 50!***

On May 8, 1968, the Child Care Food Program was signed into law. The name has since changed to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), but the program remains the same. To date, over 3 billion children have been served.

The CACFP nutrition guidelines promote whole grain-rich choices once per day, more options with fresh fruits and vegetables (separated to two food groups), more options with protein at breakfast in place of bread/grain, and more meat alternate choices. In addition, infant meals are in sync with the child's development process from birth to one year.

These guidelines help children accept these foods at an early age and promote healthy choices as they grow; and are proven to defend against certain diseases such as obesity, diabetes and some cancers. Child nutrition plays an important part in the future health of our nation.



### ***Provider Appreciation Day, May 11! Southwest Initiative Foundation Offer***

In honor of Provider Appreciation Day, the **Southwest Initiative Foundation** is giving away a gift to family child care providers in Minnesota.

Southwest Initiative Foundation mainly serves 18 counties in southwestern Minnesota, but they are allowing any provider to participate and receive a gift in Minnesota. Using the link below click on the phrase: "sign up to get your FREE gift".

<https://swifoundation.org/childcare/>

#### *Claiming Dates for May 2018*

*If your claim is received by noon May 3  
Your reimbursement will be sent on May 11*

*If your claim is received by noon May 10  
Your reimbursement will be sent on May 18*

*If your claim is received by noon May 17  
Your reimbursement will be sent on May 25*

#### ***Check out these great new apps!!***



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## Home Visit Reminders

At each home visit, your CCNI monitor will ask you which children have been or will be in care that day that she didn't observe at the time of the visit. She will mark children "not in care today" if the child isn't scheduled to come to your home.

However, sometimes after the visit, a child may unexpectedly come to your home for care. In that case, please contact your monitor or the office so that we can update our records and correctly show that the child will be in care after all on that day. That will save a reduction to your claim reimbursement. If you have questions about this, please call us at 800-634-3359.

## Corn vs. "Whole" Corn

Corn is a funny food. If served from a can, frozen or off the cob, it is a vegetable. However, corn meal is considered a grain.

Serving and claiming the vegetable corn is straightforward and simple.

Serving and claiming the grain can be a little more complicated. To help, we are taking the exact wording of how to credit corn grain products properly on the CACFP.

"As of July 1, 2008, corn grain products must be labeled as whole corn (or other "whole corn" designations such as whole-grain corn, whole ground corn or whole-corn flour) or enriched corn (or other "enriched corn" designations, such as enriched yellow cornmeal, enriched corn flour, enriched corn grits, etc...)."

So when reading labels, you can use and designate whole corn as whole-grain rich, and enriched corn meal as a regular bread/grain product.

## Did you receive a reduction notice in the mail?

If we make a reduction to your claim, we will mail an explanation on our reduction notice form with your check or pay stub, newsletter, and any other applicable inserts.

If you receive a claims reduction notice and would like more information on why the reduction was made, or if you want to dispute the reduction, please call the office at 800-634-3359. Don't call your monitor, as they do not have access to your claim. When you call the office we can get your actual claim and go over any questions that you have. We are human, and we make mistakes. Please call us as soon as possible to ensure that we can correct our errors within the appropriate time frame.

## Happy Provider Appreciation Day and Mother's Day! May 11 & 13, 2018

How many times has one of your daycare children called you, "mom"? Isn't that grand? You are the "substitute" mom, after all. So, in a way, they got it right. *Keep the love going!* Thank you for all you do for children and families in your community.



### Claiming Tips for Providers

- REMINDER! Be sure to let us know by putting a note with your claim to indicate the last day of school. All school aged children who are claimed for lunch throughout the entire month of May will be deducted from your claim reimbursement if there is no note indicating that school is out for summer.
- **Meal Counts** (Online or paper claims): Record meal count attendance *after* you have served the meal. For example, if breakfast is over at 8 am, you can record those breakfasts on your meal count. But do not mark a lunch or pm snack for that day as those meals and snacks have not been served and consumed yet. Menus can be recorded ahead. Just follow, serve, and change if needed. All menus and meal counts must be recorded by the end of each day at a minimum.