

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

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Your CCNI Handbook, The CACFP Bible

When you enrolled in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), you received a handbook that contains all the rules and regulations for successful participation on the CACFP. Anytime you have questions or concerns about certain policies, please use your handbook as a reference. We have heard from providers who may have asked their Monitor or the office staff a question and the answer was either misunderstood or miscommunicated.

We never want providers to be deducted because we didn't understand your question correctly, or didn't articulate the answer clear enough. So, please use the handbook and seek further clarification if needed. If there is anything that isn't clear in the handbook you can ask your Monitor what it means at your next home visit or call or email us any time at 800-634-3359 or info@childcarenutrition.com.

Claiming Dates for June 2018

*If your claim is received by noon June 7
Your reimbursement will be sent on June 15*

*If your claim is received by noon June 14
Your reimbursement will be sent on June 22*

*If your claim is received by noon June 21
Your reimbursement will be sent on June 29*

Provider Recognition!

Congratulations Paulette Bass of Worthington and thank you for sharing your nice recognition in your community paper with us. If any of our providers is recognized locally, let us know. We love to hear about our providers who receive public recognition in their hometowns!

Infants Get HOW MUCH at Snack?

We received some clarification on the three-component infant snacks from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) that we thought we should pass along.

Question: If a child is receiving all three components at Breakfast and Lunch, but the parent has requested that the infant be served only breastmilk or IFIF for the PM Snack so the infant will eat after they are picked up, is this okay?

Answer: Document on the menu form each month these types of circumstances that show parent and provider are working together to implement the parent's request. When this happens, the meal may be claimed. CCNI will be adjusting infant menu forms to allow for this type of documentation each month.

Even though three components are required, very small portions can be served. A couple of berries, leftover vegetables, and three to four Cheerios on the tray will fulfill the quantity requirement for snack, when including the IFIF or breastmilk. The point is you do not have to "fill up" the child on the snack foods. The idea is to incorporate a little variety into the child's diet at a very early age.

In addition, the minimum requirements of breastmilk for 6-11 months at breakfast and lunch is 6-8 ounces. However, the new meal pattern guidelines state, "For some breastfed infants who regularly consume less than the minimum amount of breastmilk per feeding, a serving of less than the minimum amount of breastmilk may be offered, with additional breastmilk offered at a later time if the infant will consume more." Please note, this does not apply to formula, breastmilk only.

***Don't forget the children aged 1-2 need whole milk.
On second birthday, change to 1% or skim.***

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Enrollment/Decline Forms at Home Visits

USDA considers every child (this also applies to drop-in children) who attends your child care program as “enrolled”. That means they must receive the CACFP benefits and be served meals and snacks while in care. You are required to submit a form to your sponsor (CCNI) with the child’s name, parent’s address, etc to track the child. Here at CCNI we call them Child Enrollment Forms or CEFs.

Occasionally parents do not want their child(ren) participating on the program for religious reasons or dietary concerns. When this happens we remain required to track those children with the use of a “decline form”. The decline form is similar to the CEF but also includes a space for the parent to provide the reason why they do not STR-073 want their child(ren) participating on the CACFP. You must keep a copy of the decline form on file for our Monitor to verify *and* a copy must be sent to the CCNI office.

This protects you, the provider, by showing:

1. You are not discriminating against a child by not allowing participation on the CACFP.
2. The parent is clear that they know the benefits to their child and is refusing them for the reasons they state on the decline form.

If you have a child in care whose parents have chosen not to have their child participate, you can download a decline form from our website or request one from the office.

Claiming Foster Children

Recently a provider enrolled a foster child as part of her day care. Since the child was an infant and the foster parents were providing the IFIF, could she claim him on the CACFP while he was in her care? The answer is an emphatic **YES!**

The foster parents have the legal authority to sign the child enrollment form and complete the formula statement portion on the enrollment.

Save the Date!

CCNI’s 3rd Annual All Day Training will be held in Marshall, MN at SMSU on September 15. Watch your mail for registration forms coming late summer.

Menu Ideas and Cost

We are now really into summer and we have a few ideas for you for lunch menus for your children in care. Below are two lunch menus with cost of the meal broken down by minimum portion size. This is money that would be LOST forever as part of your business operating expense. Fortunately you are participating on the CACFP and can recoup some of that loss in your meals every month through the CACFP reimbursement you receive!

Taco Lunch

Milk	\$0.13
Ground Beef 1.5 ounces	\$0.51
Shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 oz	\$0.11
Tomatoes/lettuce	\$0.23
Apple Slices	\$0.21
WG Tortilla shell	\$0.18
Total cost of lunch:	\$1.37

Egg Salad Sandwich Lunch

Milk	\$0.13
Eggs	\$0.16
Tomatoes/lettuce salad	\$0.23
Banana slices	\$0.15
Whole grain bread	\$0.20
Total cost of lunch:	\$0.87

Looking for more menu ideas? Find 32 weeks worth at the website of Institute of Child Nutrition:

<http://www.theicn.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=196>

Summer Feeding Program Reminder

If your community hosts a Summer Feeding Program that is open to all and you may use this resource by taking your daycare children. You cannot, however, take your daycare children to the summer feeding site AND claim them on the CACFP. You must prepare and serve the meal to children in your care to be reimbursed for the meal. Taking the children to the summer feeding program and claiming them on the CACFP would be considered double dipping.

Life is good! Have a great summer!

