



HOME FOOD REVIEW



October 1st is the beginning of a new contract year with PRI as your CACFP Sponsor. Each October everything resets, from the food review visits to your home to the required annual trainings .

Here are a few important reminders to make sure that your home food reviews go well this year:

1. According to your contract you are required to either call the office or your monitor directly if you are not going to be home at a meal/snack service time. If your monitor attempts a visit and you did not notify PRI, we are required to deduct that meal.
2. You must have two unannounced and one announced food reviews from October to September. However, if you claim nights or weekends, you must have three unannounced food reviews and at least two of them will be at the night/weekend meal service.
3. There are also reasons that a provider may have additional visits such as if there are any non-compliance related to the food program operation.
4. The meal pattern portion of your menu must be filled out before the meal is served (this can be done weekly or monthly) but can be changed at any meal if you need to change a food component.
5. The meal count (meal attendance documenting which child ate specific meals each day) **MUST** be filled out by the end of each business day.
6. If your childcare program is open for operation, you must allow the food monitor in to do a food review.
7. If your menu's and/or meal counts are not up to date to the day of the food review visit, we are required by CACFP/USDA to deduct any meals/days that are not documented. If you use KidKare to claim online and your computer or internet is down, you must be able to show the monitor a paper record of the meal components served as well as exact meal counts per meal/per child for any meals not logged into the KidKare program.

CACFP AN INDICATION OF QUALITY

Providers that belong to a CACFP Sponsor, such as PRI, are invested in the health and nurturing of the children that they care for.

Did you know that by the time a child turns three years old, the foundation for his/her nutrition habits are in place?

As their provider you play a major role in shaping their lifelong nutrition habits. You have a very important job as a provider to feed the children healthy meals that will establish habits for a lifetime.

The USDA/CACFP meal pattern is a tool for you to use as you plan meals for the children in your care. By following the requirements of the meal pattern for each meal and snack, you ensure that each child receives great nutrition to grow healthy, strong bodies.

Meal Deductions Due to Incorrect Milk Documentation

As stated in last months newsletter, October 1st is when we are required to deduct for any meal that does not meet the new meal requirements and is incorrectly documented on your menu's. **We are noticing a lot of Milk Errors.**

Please make note of the following:

1. **Cycle Menu:** Providers **Must** write the words **"Whole", "1%" or "Skim" and "UFL" or "FL"** next to the word Milk that is pre-written on the cycle menus according to what is allowed for the age of the children being claim. (See Milk Type Info Below)
2. **Scan/Bubble Menus:** Providers **Must** write the words **"Whole", "1%" or "Skim" and "UFL" or "FL"** on the milk line of their Scan menu, according to what is allowed for the age of the children being claimed. (See Milk Type Info Below)
3. **Minute Menu/KidKare:** Providers **Must** select the correct milk type or combination according to the age of the children being claimed.

Milk Type Age Requirements for documentation

Children 1-2 years Whole Milk only "UFL" for Unflavored
Children 2-5 years 1% or Skim Milk "UFL" for Unflavored
Children 6-12 years 1% or Skim "UFL" OR
Fat Free Flavored



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