

Wildwood *at home* February 2015

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great news: the USDA has released the proposed new meal plan!! The proposal is now in the 90 day review period, which means that these changes are not yet in effect. But the great news is that we all have a chance to review the changes and post any comments that we might have to the USDA. All comments posted before April 15, 2015 must be reviewed by the USDA, so be sure to make your voice heard.

In order to make this as easy as possible, we are posting on our website and Facebook page a full summary of the proposed changes, information about how to review the whole proposal, and how to submit your comments.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

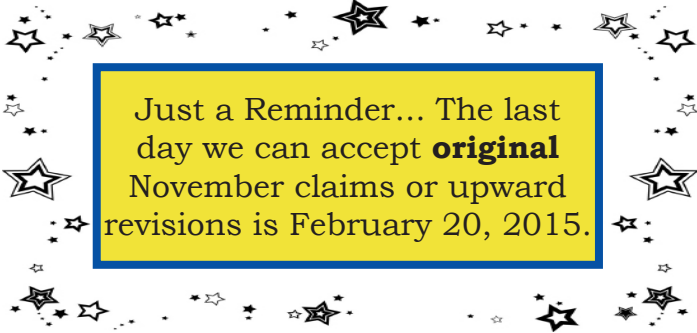
INFANTS

- Revise the infant age groups from three age groups to two age groups
- Introduce solid foods to infants beginning at 6 months of age
- Eliminate the service of fruit juice to infants of any age
- Allow reimbursement for infant meals when the mother directly breastfeeds her child at the child care facility
- Require a fruit or vegetable serving in the snack meal pattern for the 6 to 11 month infant age group
- Allow additional grain options for infant snacks

ONE YEAR AND OLDER

- Separate the fruit and vegetable component for children and adults
- Require that at least one grain serving per day, across all eating occasions, be whole grain or whole grain-rich
- Require breakfast cereals to conform to WIC requirements
- Prevent grain-based desserts from counting towards the grains component
- Allow an optional meat or meat alternate to be served at breakfast in lieu of some grains
- Allow tofu to be counted as a meat alternate
- Allow yogurt to be used to meet the fluid milk requirement for adults only, no more than once per day
- Disallow frying as an onsite preparation method for day care institutions and facilities
- Add a fourth age group (13 through 18 years) to the meal pattern for children.
- Prohibit flavored milk to children 2 through 4 years
- Allow flavored milk to children 2 through 4 years with no more than 22 grams per 8 fluid ounces
- Limit sugar content for yogurt to 30 grams per 6 ounce serving

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Just a Reminder... The last day we can accept **original** November claims or upward revisions is February 20, 2015.

Just a reminder for our southern Colorado providers: Your new representative, **Casey Garnier**, can be reached at: casey@wildwoodcacfp.org
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CLAIMS CORNER

If your license was due for renewal in January, Wildwood must have a copy of the license with the 2015 sticker attached before we can request funds to pay your claim. Please mail, email or fax a copy to the office. Watch for your continuation notice to arrive in the mail and act on it as soon as possible.

If your daycare was open on New Year's Day please document that you are open & doing daycare on this holiday. Let us know about all school closures.

Please read your Creditable Foods Guide at least once a year to refresh what foods can be claimed for reimbursement.

Providers who use Master Menus: We have changed Lunch/Dinner Menu #158 to eliminate cranberries. The fruit/veg is now green beans. We also changed snack Menus #254 & #286 to eliminate mixed dried fruit. The second component is now wheat crackers. Because the pizza sauce needs an additional component, Snack Menu #212 is now bagel, pizza sauce, and mozzarella cheese. Please make note of these changes on your menus. These changes have been applied in Minute Menu so when you select these menus you should notice the changes.

Just a reminder that Ginny Clark is now the Claims Coordinator for the following counties:
Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek,
Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Weld.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call!

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