Child Nutrition Program of Southern California



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2018 MANDATORY PROVIDER ANNUAL TRAINING

The 2018 Mandatory Provider Annual Training is available on our website for all CNPSC Providers whether you claim online or use the Scan (bubble) claim forms. **The 2018 Mandatory Provider Annual Training must be completed by October 31, 2018.** Providers who do not have access to a computer or do not complete their training by 10/31/18 will be required to complete the 1 to 1 ½ hours training in their home with their field representative before 11/30/18. Go to www.cnpsc.com > Resources (top of page) > go to 2018 Annual Training (right side of page).

OCTOBER IS OUR ANNUAL CHILD ENROLLMENT RENEWAL MONTH

- •We will print and mail your Child Enrollment Renewal Report and instructions to you on Oct 1, 2018.
- <u>Please read all the instructions carefully</u> and follow the instructions. We do not like to mail the Annual Child Enrollment Renewal back to you for corrections, but sometimes it is necessary.
- •All Parents/Guardians must review the information for their child, sign and date using a complete October date. Example: 10/5/18
- •Providers must review their Enrollment Renewal Report before mailing. Make sure all parents have signed and dated in October 2018 on the correct line.
- •Your completed Enrollment Renewal Report is due in our office no later than October 19, 2018.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW, BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR ENROLLMENT RENEWAL PACKET

- 1. Mail all new September Child Enrollments to our office before Sept 14, 2018.
- 2. If you claim online: Withdraw children that are no longer in your care before September 14, 2018.

TRANSITIONAL YEAR FOR THE NEW MEAL PATTERNS ENDS ON 9/30/18

USDA Regulations allowed all CACFP Providers a one year transitional period (grace period) to come into compliance with the new meal pattern requirements that went into effect on October 1, 2017. <u>The Transitional period ends on September 30, 2018</u>. What that means is starting October 1, 2018, meals that do not meet the new Meal Pattern requirements will be disallowed (not reimbursed).

All Providers were trained on the new Meal Pattern requirements prior to October 1, 2017; all Providers have received additional training throughout the last year (2017 Mandatory Annual Provider Training, at Site Reviews, and in monthly Updates). Providers will receive additional training when taking the required 2018 Mandatory Annual Provider Training in October 2018.

Please see the back of this page for some of the new meal pattern requirements

August 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in October 2018*
September 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in November 2018*
*Checks are mailed within 5 Business days of receiving the funds
Checks for late claims are mailed when within 5 Business days of receiving the late run funds

THE NEW MEAL PATTERN REQUIREMENTS THAT WENT INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2017

CHILDREN 1 YEAR THROUGH 12 YEARS OLD

- 1. At least one serving of grains per day must be whole grain-rich.
- 2. The combined fruit & vegetable component is now a separate vegetable component and a separate fruit component.
- 3. A vegetable is required at lunch and dinner meals. Providers can serve a fruit or vegetable as the 2nd component.
- 4. Juice is limited to once (only one meal) per day.
- 5. Meat and meat alternates may be served in place of the entire grains component at breakfast a maximum of three times per week.
- 6. Tofu that is easily recognized as meat substitutes counts as a meat alternate for children 1 year and older. ¼ cup (2.2 oz.) of commercially prepared tofu containing at least 5 grams of protein is creditable as 1 oz. equivalent meat alternate.
- 7. Grain based desserts no longer count towards the grain component. Sweet rolls, doughnuts and cookies are no longer reimbursable.
- 8. Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces. Soy yogurt can be served only to children 1 year and older and must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces.
- 9. Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.
- 10. Whole milk must be served to children 1 through 23 months old.
- 11. 1% or non-fat milk must be served to children 2 through 12 years old.

INFANTS

- 1. The entire egg can be served to infants under 1 year old.
- 2. Solid foods are gradually introduced to infants when they are developmentally ready.
- 3. Juice is not allowed for infants 0 through 11 months.
- 4. When the infant is developmentally ready a vegetable or fruit is required at snacks along with the breast milk or formula.
- 5. Milk based yogurts that contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces are allowable as a meat alternate for infants under 1 year.
- 6. Soy Yogurt and Tofu cannot be served to infants under 1 year old.