

July 2020

To our Providers using KidKare,

We have added 5 new codes to our KidKare Food Chart to accommodate the USDA meal pattern waiver in effect at this time.

Effective August 1, 2020, if you are unable to find or purchase one of the required foods or beverage items at the grocery store for breakfast, lunch or dinner; you may select one of the new codes to complete your menu.

- The new codes below **cannot** be used when claiming Snacks as Snacks only require 2 food components.
- Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner menus missing 2 or more food components will not be reimbursed.

This update will ensure that Providers are trying their best to meet USDA meal pattern regulations and, due to no fault of their own, could not find or supply a missing food component at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

The New Food Codes are:

- 128 Meat/Alternate not available (USDA meal pattern waiver)
- 235 Bread not available (USDA meal pattern waiver)
- 002 Vegetables not available (USDA meal pattern waiver)
- 003 Fruits not available (USDA meal pattern waiver)
- 1 Milk not available (USDA meal pattern waiver)

At this time, we find all grocery stores are well stocked and Providers should not have to use any of these new food codes on a regular basis. If we find that a Provider is always using the above codes to complete their menus we will call to verify the reason.

If you have any questions, please give us a call (see phone numbers below). If your call goes to voicemail, please leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Yours for Healthy Children,

Child Nutrition Program of Southern California Team Members

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