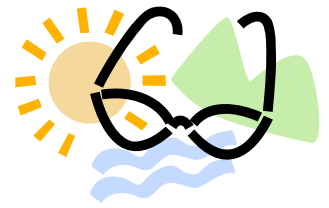




PROVIDERS FOOD PROGRAM AUGUST 2009



NEW TIER RATES

The USDA has announced the new reimbursement rate effective for July 1st.

	<u>TIER 1</u>	<u>TIER 2</u>
BREKFAST	\$1.19	.44
LUNCH/SUPPER	\$2.21	\$1.33
SNACK	.66	.18

If you are a provider that cares for low income children or foster children, call the office to have parent packets sent to you.

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULES

Please remember to notify us if any of your day care children change their schedule from what was originally sent in on their enrollment form including adding days, meals, or extending their hours. As of October 1st, these changes must be made in our computer to ensure you are paid correctly.

WEB CLAIMERS

For any provider that currently submits their menus on-line, we will be updating the food chart in the fall. We are asking providers that would like to see a food item added to the chart, please send an e-mail to Jill@providerresources.org with their request

FOOD SAFETY

Food safety in our day care home is crucial. Please make sure all food in your refrigerator is covered with saran wrap or placed in covered containers. You are required to have a thermometer in **both** your refrigerator and freezer. Any medicine stored in your frig must be on the top shelf out of the reach of children. Also alcohol also needs to be kept out of the children's reach. If placing it on the top shelf of your frig is not high enough, you can buy Velcro strap that adheres to the frig preventing children from being able to open it.

REMEMBER

Menus must be received and processed no later than the 5th of each month to make the first bill and be paid in a timely fashion.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

In June each year we send every provider who is qualified to be Tier 1 by income a renewal packet. Anyone who has not returned their meal benefit form and required information was sent a reminder letter. If you have not returned the paperwork you will be Tier 2 starting with your July menus.

Even though we do renewals once a year, providers can apply anytime during the year to become Tier 1. If you believe you might qualify based on the guidelines below, please contact Donna Greenlay at ext. 224 for further info.

Income Eligibility Guidelines					
These are the income scales used by the United States Department of Agriculture to determine Tier I eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program					
Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010					
# of Household Members	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For Each Additional person, ADD	+6,919	+577	+289	+267	+134

COMMERCIALLY PROCESSED MEATS & PEANUT BUTTER

According to the USDA policy..... When serving peanut butter, chicken nugget and fish sticks you need to look at the CN label to see if it is creditable or serve another meat alternate with them. Serving an additional meat or meat alternate like a slice of cheese will eliminate this problem.

In order to fulfill a required meal pattern component, the following foods must be served in large portions that may be unreasonable for the participant population: Fish sticks, chicken nuggets and other commercial produced meat products, Peanut butter, Olives, Pickles, canned soups Raisins and other dried fruits, Rice cakes, Trail mixes (certain types) and Granola bars, grain fruit bars and cereal bars, commercial products