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Newsletter



Minute Menu-KidKare Claim Providers

We have been informed by the State of MA, Office of Food and Nutrition, that during all food review visits, the monitors must have access to providers current month online claim to review the five day count back.

If your computer is not accessible during your visits (on another floor or not in your childcare space) then paper back-up records for the meals and meal count attendance must be available for your monitor to review.

Since some visits are required to be unannounced, we find that providers do not always have paper back-up available. Please have your computer or electronic device available during the food review visits to allow for KidKare access or make sure you keep a daily paper back-up in case you have an unannounced visit.

Annual Training Requirements

Yes, it is now the time of year to get serious about completing your required 6 hours of CACFP training. If you have already partially or fully completed some of the training for FY 2019... YOU ARE AMAZING and WE THANK YOU!

All three trainings (2 training hours each) Nutrition, Food Safety, and Recordkeeping are posted online in both English and Spanish for providers who want to log in on the PRI Website to complete the training.

For providers who prefer the home study paper version of the Nutrition, Food Safety, and Recordkeeping (2 training hours each) they were given out during the first round of food reviews between Oct-Jan. If you did not receive them let us know. Please complete all trainings by the end of May to avoid a training deficiency letter that we are required to send out June 1st.

Important Provider Reminders

Below are a few reminders that will help us to serve you better

- 1. Please remember that if you work with a certified assistant as a requirement for your license capacity, PRI must have a copy on record. Also, at license and assistant certificate renewal times, we need a copy of the new document.
- 2. Incorrect documentation of meal components written on menus are one of the largest reasons providers face meal deductions. We are noticing a lot of deductions due to incorrect milk documentation.

Correct Milk Documentation

Please make note of the following:

- Cycle Menus: 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)
- 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.
- Online / KidKare: Providers now only have one all inclusive milk documentation to document their milk, "Milk, UFL Whole I-2 yrs / UFL 1% or Skim 2-12 yrs / FL Fat-Free 6-12 yrs." You must ensure that you are serving the correct milk for the different age groups, which will be checked for at meal review visits.

Milk Type Age Requirements for documentation

Children 1-2 years Whole Milk only "UFL" for Unflavored Children 2-5 years 1% /skim Milk only "UFL" for Unflavored Children 6-12 years 1% /Skim only-write "UFL" for unflavored OR "FL" Fat Free Flavored Milk



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