

January 2018 Newsletter



Winter Activity Idea



New Meal Pattern Transition

Beginning January 1, 2018, we will be totally transitioning to the new infant and regular meal pattern.

What does this mean to our providers? KidKare Internet Claim:

On January 1st, KidKare internet claim providers will see the new meal pattern selections when selecting meal components to complete their meals. This will be for both the infant and regular menus.

Scannable Paper Menus:

Providers <u>must</u> begin using the new scannable menus that they received from their monitors. If you have not received a large envelope with the new scannable menu please call the office and let them know that you need some (Specify New Meal Pattern Scannable Menus). Please throw out any old scannable menus that you still have so that you do not get confused. The new scannable menu forms have all of the changes on them to guide you using the new meal patterns.

Important Reminders

Child Enrollments:

Before sending in a new child enrollment, it is important that you review it to make sure that it is filled out properly. Many providers are deducted meals and lose money because they serve a child a meal that is not checked off on the child's enrollment form. Please review the information with the parents so that they are informed about which meals/snacks you are providing.

Menus and Meal Attendance:

Providers please remember that a contractual requirement of the food program is to maintain your records daily.

Our monitors and supervisors have been out doing food review visits and have found many providers with paperwork incomplete. This not only negatively affects your reimbursement by having meals deducted but requires us to do a follow-up visit within 10 days.

The meal menu section should be filled out in advance of the meal but please make sure you complete your meal attendance by the end of each business day.

New Meal Pattern Training:

For providers who still have not finished or sent in their trainings on the New Meal Pattern, please do so immediately. The trainings will help you understand which foods are no longer creditable, and make it easier in filling out the new menu format.

If you are missing your copies please either call the office or go online through the PRI website and complete them.



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