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Angels Child Care Food Program

Rules and Regulations

The goal of our program is to help providers teach children to eat a well-balanced and nutritious meal. Working together as a team we can accomplish this goal.

Basic Requirements to participate and stay in compliance in the CACFP:

Provider must:

Have at least one (1) day care child enrolled (not including provider own)

Enroll children within 5 days from when the children start

Keep Daily Meal Records up to date (Timesheets, Enrollments, Meal Attendance)

Be licensed to care and keep licensed current

Live in the home address as listed on license

Notify Sponsor at least 30 days prior to moving from home

Notify when day care is closed during regular meals are served and claimed

Have access to claim daily online. Computer, Laptop or Tablet is necessary

Claim daily when children are present

Have a working contact number and email that he/she will be able to reply within the next business day. Inactive providers or providers that fail to communicate, will be removed from the food program.

Child Enrollments:

Providers are required to enroll **ALL** children that attend their daycare onto the KidKare website (Participating and Non-Participating). Once a child's information has been entered, print, sign and submit within 5 days. Parent/ Guardian to sign the same day as the enrollment date. If applicable, school hours must be included. P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable. It is the provider's responsibility to keep sponsors up to date with enrollment updates such as phone numbers and addresses. Don't forget to keep your signed/dated copies in a three-ring binder. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in disallowance, corrective action and possibly removal from the food program.

Own Children:

Providers must complete and submit an Enrollment application and a Meal Benefit Form for their own children under the age of 13 years. To be approved the provider must meet the income eligibility requirements. If approved, you will start receiving reimbursement upon the approval date. Providers may only claim their own children when other daycare children are present. You must notify us if your household income increases by \$50.00 per month or if your household size decreases. The term "provider's own children" refers to any children who reside in the household, such as the provider's own children by birth or adoption, grandchildren, or housemates' children who are part of the economic unit.

Providers Own Foster Children:

Providers must complete and submit an Enrollment application, Meal Benefit Form, along with a Placement Order for all/any *foster* children under the age of 13 years living in the day care home. Providers may only claim their own foster children when other daycare children are present.

Helpers/Assistant Own Children:

If you have an assistant with a child attending your day care, the assistant must fill out an Enrollment application and a Meal Benefit Form. To be approved the helper must meet the income eligibility requirements. If approved, you will start receiving reimbursement for helper's child/ren upon approval date. Helpers must notify us if their household income increases by \$50.00 per month or if household size decreases. Providers may only claim helpers' children when other daycare children are present.

Child Enrollments RENEWALS:

Child enrollments must be renewed annually and individually. Enrollments expire a year after the start date.

Claims Due & Reimbursement:

Providers are required to submit their monthly claim on the last day of the month. Reimbursements are distributed via direct deposit by the 30th of each month. Provider claims received in our office after the 5th day of the following month are considered “late claims.” Avoid losing your reimbursement all together. Send your claim on time!

Timesheets:

Providers are required to keep daily sign in and out records for all children attending care. Failure to keep records up to date can result in disallowances and corrective action.

Daily Claiming Requirements:

Providers are required to claim meals and attendance daily when children are present. Failure in record keeping can result in disallowance and corrective action.

- Provider must provide all meals (Not the Parents)
- Only claim children in attendance.
- Meals to be consumed in the daycare home
- Meals or Snacks may not be duplicated. A variety of foods must be served every 10 days.
- Only claim 2 main meals and 1 snack or 2 snacks and 1 main meal.
- When claiming school age children for AM or Lunch, mark them “Sch Out or Sick” to receive reimbursement
- How to avoid future disallowance, 15 days after submitting your monthly claim, review your office error report. Kidkare>>Reports>>Claim Statements>>Claimed summary and error.
- **Claiming and receiving reimbursement for children not in provider care is fraud and will result in being declared Serious Deficient with the Department of Social Services and funds to be retracted.**

Keep Posted:

- Menus (Weekly, Bi Weekly or Monthly)
- Building For the Future Flyer
- Meals Pattern Charts

Online Annual Trainings:

Providers are required to complete a Mandatory Online Annual Training with a variety of topics. These training courses are typically available on our website in the months of July-August of every year. You will be notified via email when available.

MEAL TIME SPACING POLICY:

A minimum of two (2) hours shall elapse between the beginning of one meal service and the beginning of another when snacks are served in between. If no snack is served between major meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper) a minimum of three (3) hours shall elapse between meal services.

BREAKFAST MAY NOT BE SERVED NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M.
LUNCH MAY NOT BE SERVED BEFORE 11:00 A.M. OR AFTER 1:30 P.M.
SUPPER MAY NOT BE SERVED BEFORE 4:00 P.M. OR AFTER 7:00 P.M.

Meals for infants:

Infants under one year of age may be served during a span of time consistent with the infant’s eating habits.

- ALL FORMULA MUST BE IRON-FORTIFIED
- ALL CEREAL MUST BE IRON-FORTIFIED, DRY
- ALL BREAD MUST BE FROM WHOLE-GRAIN ON ENRICHED MEAL OR FLOUR

Not Creditable for Infants: commercial jarred baby cereals, Iron-fortified cereal containing fruit or formula, combination dinners (i.e. meat and noodles), *pancakes, *waffles, *muffins, *cornbread, (*made with whole egg), ready to eat cereals (i.e. cheerios), bread stick, hard pretzels, tortilla chips, granola bars, doughnuts, cakes, brownies, vegetable and fruit juices with yogurt. *A doctor’s note is required with every claim, if a child is not developmentally ready to be fed the required food components.

MONITORING VISITS:

The Day Care Home will be monitored, unannounced, at least three (3) times a year. During this visit your monitor will observe children, meals, and records. Your monitor will also provide training and answer any questions you may have. If only the assistant is available, the assistant must be trained and have access to all records. Failure to produce records during a review will result in disallowance for the month and a corrective action. If during a review your monitor observes less children than is normally claimed, the provider may be subjected to an escalated review that may include parent contact and loss of meal privileges.

