



Nutrition Edition

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Nudges and Notes

On March 1, 2009, Child Care Resources will no longer pick up the Bitterroot drop boxes weekly. We will pick up all materials in the drop boxes on the second of each month only. This won't impact your CACFP claim, but if you use the drop box for other materials, please make note!

As of March, 2009, we will not send the automatic deposit receipt and the *Nutrition Edition* to those providers who claim on Minute Menu. The automatic deposit statement can be accessed in Minute Menu by clicking on *Claims* and then *Review Claims*. The Nutrition Edition will be available online at www.childcareresources.org. Just click on *For Providers* and then on *Nutrition Edition*.

Remember to input your school out days and sick days on your claim. If you are a bubble provider, make note on your CIF form. If you claim online, click *children*, then *manage child calendar* and update the information on the calendar. This will reduce the number of calls you receive from the CACFP during claim time.



Important Reminders

- * Child Care Resources will close on **February 16, 2009**, in honor of President's Day.
- * We will pick up Ravalli drop boxes and all reimbursement claims must be received by **March 2, 2009**.
- * Checks will be mailed on **March 12** and direct deposit will be available on **February 13, 2009**.
- * CACFP elective course, **Your Garden or Theirs**, will be held on **March 24, 2009**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Hamilton—don't forget to pre-register, it's free!

Tax Statements

For WebKids users, you may print your tax statement out online: *Reports, Claims, and Tax Report.*

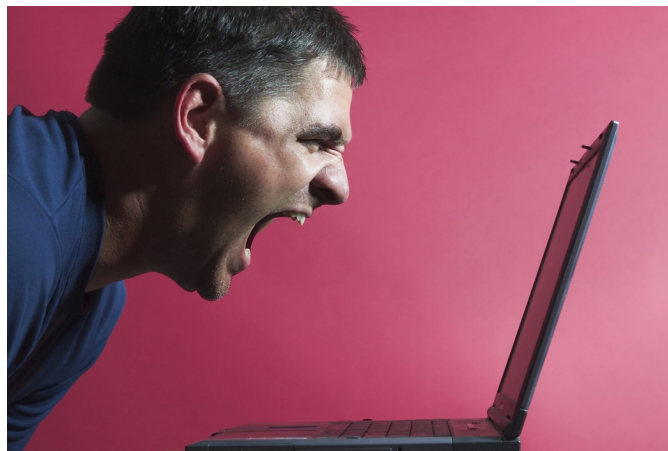
CACFP Reimbursable Food Updates

In July of 1997, the food list for the CACFP added some newly reimbursable foods: cake, cupcakes and pie crusts for dessert pies became reimbursable as well as yogurt at lunch. Prior to these additions, the CACFP did not reimburse for these items. A provider who served cake, for example, also had to serve two creditable snack foods or not claim the snack.

While these foods are currently reimbursable through the current CACFP, changes are coming! The state CACFP administration is in the process of creating an entirely new food list. This project is led by Mary Musil, the Director of the Montana CACFP and a nutritionist.

While the unveiling of this new list is scheduled for 2010 or 2011, there is a monitor training seminar in Bozeman in February and we anticipate a sneak peak at the list. We expect many nutrient poor, sugar laden foods to drop off the current food list and nutrient dense foods to become primary.

What does this mean for you? It means that some time in the next two years, you will have a whole new list with new numbers to use. If you claim on the internet, it will change your planning and claiming process very little. For those claiming with bubbles, you will have new foods and numbers to record and the chance for errors will increase. Maybe it's time to apply for that mini grant in order to buy a laptop computer! We would be happy to help you write the grant and will even proof read prior to its submission. In short, the computer is here to stay, but the creditable food list is not!



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