



WECA CACFP Provider Memo May 2009

20 years with WECA Food Program during May

Congratulations on 20 years with the WECA Food Program! Thank you for your continued support of WECA, for your dedication to Wisconsin's children, and to the principles of good nutrition.

Barbara Bogenschutz Linda Hausser
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15 years with WECA in May

Congratulations on your 15th anniversary with the WECA Food Program! Thank you for your continued dedication to the children of Wisconsin.

Celia Anderson Gail Loeding
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10 years with WECA during May

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary with the WECA Food Program! Thank you for all you do for children.

Joan Dunn Kimberly Gachnang
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School-age and holiday care documentation

School-age care documentation is required September through May. Holiday care documentation is required all year. **If you do school-age care on a holiday, September through May, you must document both school-age and holiday care.**

The food program holidays are:

- New Year's Day (Jan. 1).
- Independence Day (July 4).
- Thanksgiving Day.
- Memorial Day.
- Labor Day.
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25).

If you have questions about proper documentation, please contact your area coordinator. [1/2]

When will you receive reimbursement?

If your claim is received on time (by the fifth of the month following the claim month), you will receive your CACFP check/direct deposit early in the following month.

Checks are usually mailed between the fifth and the tenth of each month, when WECA receives the funds to cover the checks.

To learn the specific date, call 800-783-9322, press 4001 and listen to the message. The information is updated just as soon as we know.

If you have direct deposit, a message is sent to the e-mail address that WECA has on file for you informing you of the deposit date. Be sure that we have your current e-mail address. [2/2]

Child Enrollment Forms

Remember that it is your responsibility to review all information on each Child Enrollment Form before you sign it and send it to the WECA office.

Incorrect information on a Child Enrollment Form is provider error and is not adjustable.

We can, however, fix the incorrect information so it will not affect your future claims. [1/2]



New tier forms will be mailed in late June

All providers will be sent new tier forms late in June. Deadline for return is July 31.

Remember that the earliest possible approval date for any tier form is the first of the month in which the completed form is received by WECA.

If you do not receive your new tier information by July 17, please contact Mary Tierney at 800-783-9322, ext. 7246. [1/1]



Crusty bread or cracker at 8-11 month snack

A reimbursable snack for an 8-11 month infant requires breast milk, formula or 100% fruit juice.

When the child is developmentally ready, crusty bread or crackers must also be provided at snacks. The only reimbursable foods at 8-11 month infant snacks are crusty breads or crackers. See the list below for the allowable snack foods.

The only exception is when a completed Special Diet Statement for the infant, signed by a recognized medical authority, is on file. The Statement must list foods to be omitted and foods to be substituted, in order for a provider to claim reimbursement for the snack(s).

If a parent/guardian supplies an item for medical reasons, and the corresponding Statement is on file, a snack is reimbursable only if the provider supplies at least one of the required snack components.

Other foods may be served, but only in addition to required foods; no substitutions are allowed unless noted on a Special Diet Statement.

Reimbursable bread and crackers include:

- **Breads, all without nuts, seeds, or hard pieces of whole-grain kernels.**
- **Biscuits, teething biscuits.**
- **Bagels (without nuts, seeds, or hard pieces of whole-grain kernels).**
- **English muffins.**
- **Pita bread.**
- **Rolls.**
- **Soft tortillas.**
- **Crackers – saltines, low-salt crackers, or snack crackers without nuts, seeds, or hard pieces of whole-grain kernels.**
- **Graham crackers made without honey (do not feed honey to children under one year; it may contain spores that can make an infant very ill). [2/2]**



Reminders from cacfp.net™

The cacfp.net™ online claiming website wants us to share these reminders with you:

- Be sure to use the correct website address: www.cacfp.net/mfcc/.
- The email address for cacfp.net™ technical assistance is info@cacfp.net.
- Master Menus and Custom Menus cannot be used with cacfp.net™. The program cannot process this type of information, and you will receive deductions for all affected meals/snacks.
- The Internet Service Provider America Online (AOL)™ is not compatible with cacfp.net™.
- If you have other questions, call the cacfp.net™ help line at 800-783-9322, ext. 8021. [2/2]

Take a look at the WECA website

On the WECA website you'll find good information about WECA's programs, conferences and trainings, tips and resources for parents and providers, and more. Click on Advocacy to see what's happening in early childhood care and advocacy around Wisconsin.

Go to www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org [1/1]

Kids and veggies

The Science Daily website says that preschoolers will eat more vegetables if the veggies are given cool names like "x-ray vision carrots" or "dinosaur broccoli trees."

And preschool children in rural areas eat more fruits and vegetables when the produce is homegrown, actually preferring the taste over that of other foods. [1/1]

Source: www.sciencedaily.com/

If you do care on Memorial Day

Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) is one of the food program holidays. If you care for children on that day, you must properly document it on your green sheet or with your online claim.

Also, if you care for school-age children at morning snack or lunch on Memorial Day, you must properly document school-age care in the same way.

Contact your area coordinator with questions. [1/1]