SPECIAL DIETS

POTENTIAL NEW SPONSOR WORKSHOP SPRING 2021



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WHAT IS THE CENTRAL CONCERN IN ACCOMMODATING SPECIAL DIETS?

TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM THE
NSLP AND THE SBP!

USDA REQUIRES DISTRICTS TO:



- PROVIDE SPECIAL MEALS, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE, TO CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY WHEN THE DISABILITY RESTRICTS THE CHILD'S DIET. (7 CFR 15B.26(D))
- MAKE SUBSTITUTIONS TO MEALS TO ACCOMMODATE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES THAT RESTRICT THEIR DIET. (7 CFR 210.10(M) AND 220.8(M))
- ONLY WHEN SUPPORTED BY A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM A STATE LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL (PHYSICIAN, NP, PA) WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO WRITE MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS UNDER STATE LAW.

SFAS MUST REQUIRE A WRITTEN MEDICAL STATEMENT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT **FOR MEALS SERVED TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES THAT DO NOT MEET PROGRAM MEAL PATTERN** REQUIREMENTS.

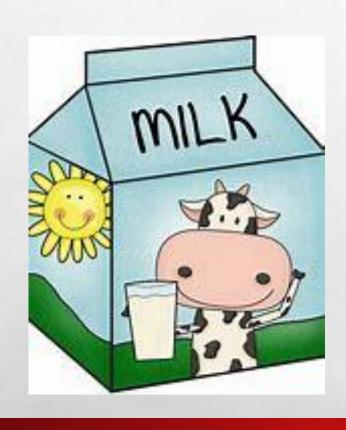


WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A WRITTEN MEDICAL STATEMENT?

- A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHILD'S IMPAIRMENT THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE CAFETERIA TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT RESTRICTS THE CHILD'S DIET
- AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT MUST BE DONE TO ACCOMMODATE THE DISABILITY
- THE FOOD OR FOODS TO BE OMITTED AND RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES, IN THE CASE OF A MODIFIED MEAL

• *IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A SEPARATE MEDICAL STATEMENT IF THE CHILD'S IEP OR 504 PLAN INCLUDES THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE MEDICAL STATEMENT*

WHEN IS ACCOMMODATION NOT REQUIRED?



WHEN IT IS NOT A DISABILITY, SUCH AS:

- RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
 - CULTURE PREFERENCE
 - FOOD PREFERENCES

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DIET PRESCRIPTIONS

- DIET MODIFICATIONS ORDERED BY A LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL (NP, PA, PHYSICIAN) MUST BE HONORED
 - KEEP DOCUMENTATION ON FILE
 - CANNOT USE OVS TO AVOID OFFERING A SUBSTITUTION
- CULTURAL OR RELIGIOUS REQUESTS CAN BE MADE, BUT DO NOT HAVE TO BE HONORED
- GUIDANCE:
 - SP40-2017
 - SP59-2016
- WEBINAR PROVIDED BY THE STATE ON THE ALSDE WEBSITE

QUESTIONS



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