

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR FLUID MILK SUBSTITUTION

Parents or guardians may now request in writing that non-dairy beverages be substituted for fluid milk for their children with special dietary needs without providing statement from a recognized medical authority. However, fluid milk substitutions requested are at the **option** and expense of the facility/center.

The non-dairy beverage provided must be nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk and meet the nutritional standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Child Nutrition Programs in order for the facility/center to claim reimbursement for the meal through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

A non-dairy beverage product must at a minimum contain the following nutrient levels per cup to qualify as an acceptable milk substitution:		
a. Calcium 276 mg	d. Vitamin D 100 IU	g. Potassium 349 mg
b. Protein 8 g	e. Magnesium 24 mg	h. Riboflavin .44 mg
c. Vitamin A 500 IU	f. Phosphorus 222 mg	i. Vitamin B-12 1.1 mcg

To be completed by Child Care Center/Provider prior to distribution of form	
Name of Child Care Center/Provider:	
	This child care center/provider will provide the following non-dairy beverage which meets the USDA approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute: (list substitute(s))
	This child care center/provider has chosen not to provide non-dairy beverages for the substitution of fluid milk.

To be completed by Parent/Guardian	
Child's Full Name:	
Identify the medical or other special dietary need that restricts the diet of your child (why your child needs a non-dairy beverage as a milk substitute):	
	I request that my child is served the non-dairy beverage which meets the USDA approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute that is provided by the center/provider as indicated above.
	I am aware that the center is not providing a non-dairy beverage for the substitution of fluid milk. I will provide a non-dairy beverage for my child that meets the USDA approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute as stated above.
	I will provide a non-dairy beverage for my child that does not meet the USDA approved nutrient standards for the substitution of fluid milk. I understand that the center cannot claim meals that require milk unless I get written statement from a recognized medical authority.
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

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