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**TO: Institutions Participating in the CACFP**

**FROM: Arnette Cowan, MS, RD, LDN  
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**SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Parent-provided Formula (CACFP 226.20-28)**

The child nutrition programs reimburse child care centers, family day care homes, emergency shelters, schools, and residential child care institutions for the costs of serving nutritious meals – including the costs of preparation and clean up of meals – to infants. The program policy has been revised to recognize the non-food related cost of serving infants by allowing reimbursement for meals containing only infant formula, whether supplied by the caregiver or by the parent.

Therefore, reimbursable meals for infants may contain either breast milk or iron-fortified infant formula, or both, supplied by the caregiver or by the parent. However, to receive reimbursement, the caregiver must always offer the infant a complete, developmentally appropriate meal. Because the labor involved in serving the meals to infants is being recognized, the meal must be served and fed to the infant by the caregiver.

Please contact your regional consultant if you have questions or need additional information.

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