

# New CACFP Meal Pattern

## Early Implementation Allowances



### Breastfeeding On-Site

When a mother breastfeeds her child on-site at the child care center or daycare home, that feeding equals one reimbursable meal that can be claimed by the center.



- Centers and homes may now claim reimbursement for infant meals when a mother directly breastfeeds her infant on-site.
- Centers and homes may continue to claim reimbursement for infant meals that include expressed breastmilk.
- Feeding on-site = feeding the infant on the premises of the center or daycare home

#### Why is this Important?

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the WIC Program, the World Health Organization and many other agencies recommend breastmilk as the optimal source of nutrients through the first year of life. CACFP will now have the opportunity to better protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

#### Additional Resources:

Policy Memo CACFP 17-01 - Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program: Questions and Answers  
<http://nutritionnc.com/snp/pdf/cacfp/memos/17-01-FeedingInfantsandMealPatternRequirementsintheCACFP-Q&A.pdf>



**APPLY TODAY!** Receive breastfeeding-friendly recognition!  
<http://nutritionnc.com/breastfeeding/childcare.htm>

USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Nutrition Standards for CACFP Meals and Snacks:  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks>

USDA Women, Infants, and Children Program  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic>

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