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SUBJECT: Breast milk for toddlers (12 months and older) in the CACFP
TO: CACFP institutions serving young children in child care centers and homes

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CDPHE-CACFP) received additional guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS) regarding reimbursable meals for toddlers (children 12 months and older) consuming breast milk. This guidance outlines the requirements for toddlers consuming breast milk for reimbursable meals.

- No documentation is required for a child offered breast milk who is older than 12 months.
- For the meal to be reimbursable, the minimum portion of breast milk must be offered to meet the fluid milk meal pattern requirements for the meal.
- If the minimum portion of breast milk cannot be offered to meet the entire fluid milk meal pattern requirement, the difference must be made up by another variety of fluid milk or an approved milk substitute as described in CDPHE-CACFP Procedure Memo #12-01.
 - *Example: A mother of a one-year-old child provides 6 ounces of breast milk for lunch and PM snack. The child is offered the full fluid milk requirement of 4 ounces of breast milk at lunch and is offered the remaining 2 ounces of breast milk at PM snack. In order for the PM snack to meet fluid milk requirement of 4 ounces, the child also must be offered 2 ounces of cow's milk (or an approved milk substitute).*
- It is acceptable to serve breast milk in one cup and the other fluid milk (or approved substitute) in a separate cup.
- Medical Exceptions: If the need for breast milk is related to a medical disability, and there is a medical statement signed by a licensed physician explaining the disability and the need for the substitution, then the meal can be reimbursed under the physician's prescribed conditions.

Please contact the CDPHE-CACFP office at 303-692-2330 for more information.

