

Processed Foods List



The ONLY Processed Foods CDA Will Reimburse For Are:

Quantity required at Lunch/Dinner:

Reimbursable Processed Foods – CHICKEN	1-2 yrs	3-5yrs	6-12yrs
Yummy Breast Wheels (Chicken Nuggets)*	2	3	4
Yummy Alpha Buddies (Chicken Nuggets)*	4	6	8
Yummy Breast Fries (Chicken Nuggets)*	4	6	8

Quantity required at Lunch/Dinner:

Reimbursable Processed Foods – FISH	1-2 yrs	3-5yrs	6-12yrs
Trident Ultimate Fish Sticks (Costco)*	2 sticks	3 sticks	4 sticks

**You must serve an additional Bread/Bread Alternate with the above products. Additionally, these items will not be credible as your daily required Whole Grain-Rich component.*

Quantity required at Lunch/Dinner:

Reimbursable Processed Foods – CORNDOGS	1-2 yrs	3-5yrs	6-12yrs
Foster Farms Chicken Corn Dogs (Last 5 numbers on the BAR CODE - 95024) Costco ITEM # 319714	½ each	¾ each	1 each

NOTE: Please keep the label to show your Field Services Representative. We suggest that you keep them in your CDA Provider Handbook.

OTHER NON—REIMBURSABLE FOOD ITEMS:

- Pre-made, frozen, or take-out Pizza
- Commercial Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Frozen Dinners
- Frozen Rolled Tacos or Taquitos
- Frozen Meatballs - most are not 100% meat
- Frozen Salisbury Steak - most are not 100% meat
- Infant Jarred Corn or Spinach, and tropical fruits such as Mango or Guava - most contain added ingredients such as *sugar, tapioca starch, and/or powdered milk.*

Processed Meat Products

When claiming processed meat products like hot dogs, bologna, lunch meats, and sausages, you must read the ingredient label carefully. Only products that are 100% meat are reimbursable.

Binders and extenders are used to help hold processed meats together and retain moisture. They are sometimes used to supplement the amount of meat in the product as well.

Some examples of binders/extendors include:

- Starchy vegetable flour
- Modified food starch (rice, corn, etc.)
- Calcium-reduced dried skim milk
- Cereal/ grains
- Dried milk
- Carrageenan
- Gums or gels
- Tapioca flour/ starch

Processed meats that contain any of the above binders/extendors are ***not reimbursable***.

A few reimbursable choices are...

Turkey, ham, chicken or beef sliced off the bone

