

Happy Fourth of July, a historic day that celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Today, festivities range from backyard barbecues and family time together, to watching fireworks at the end of the day. The federal holiday will be on Monday, July 5th, and CDA offices will be closed for the day in observance of Independence Day. Enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend.

It is always CDA's goal for Child Care Providers to be successful claimers on the Nutrition Program.

The info below could affect your claim. Effective July 1, 2021 we will **no longer** reimburse meals that had exceptions to the USDA Meal Pattern due to the waiver expiring on June 30, 2021.

- All required foods for a creditable meal must be recorded (Breakfast 3 items/Snacks 2 items/Lunch or Dinner 5 items)
- The same food/food type cannot be served twice in the same meal (example: tomato and tomato paste or beans and beans)
- Scanner claims must use the correct food numbers
- Tortilla chips, cereal or juice are not credited at lunch/dinner
- A Whole Grain (WG) must be offered and identified daily for at least 1 meal
- Juice is allowed once daily and for breakfast or snack only
- Meat or Meat Alternate cannot be offered more than 3 times a week at Breakfast
- A signed Medical Statement is now needed to be on file for children requiring one.

Enrollment Renewals: Starting in July, Enrollment Renewal Reports are due for providers whose last name start with A-F. Providers who claim online will receive an email with instructions and providers who claim on scanner forms will receive the instructions by mail. The renewals are due in the office by July 15th, to avoid meals being disallowed.

Eligibility Renewal is coming up. If your OWN children under the age of 13 are enrolled, you will receive a Meal Benefit Form (MBF) to renew. Tier 2 providers transitioning to Tier 1 on July 1st **may** also income qualify for your own children. The deadline to return the form is July 31, 2021. If you do not income qualify, you do not need to return the form.

Tier 1 for ALL: USDA will be reimbursing meals at the higher Tier 1 rates for all Tier 2 Providers effective July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. No need to qualify or apply. The adjustment will be made automatically by Minute Menu.

The 2021 Annual Mandatory Training info was emailed to you in May. Please call the office if you did not receive the email. The training is a new format with the presentation, quiz and certificate all in one place. We recommend you take the training before your summer gets busy.

Continue clicking on "No School" in Kid Kare when claiming school age children for AM Snack or Lunch when the child is on vacation or attending virtual school from your home. On scanner forms please document on the green CIF that the child is on vacation or attending virtual school at your home and include the dates. With schools in some counties soon opening, this is necessary to avoid meals being disallowed.

Monitoring visits continue to be virtual. Please call CDA if your Day Care is closed due to vacation, or if regularly scheduled meals are not being served. It is important your Monitor have successful visits and able to reach you.

Thank you for all you do to ensure the children in your care receive healthy, nutritious meals daily!

Fireworks Parfait

Ingredients

- 4 cups plain low fat Greek yogurt
- 4 tablespoons shredded coconut, plus 1/2 tsp. for garnish
- 2 tablespoon agave nectar
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 star fruit, sliced



Directions

Mix yogurt, coconut and agave in bowl. Layer berries and yogurt mixture to create red, white and blue layers in a tall glass. Top with remaining berries and coconut. Garnish with star fruit slice.

