

# Evergreen Child Care Food Program

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## July 2018 Newsletter

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**07/06/2018** – May 2018 Reimbursement Disbursement.

### REIMBURSEMENT REMINDER

The May 2018 Federal reimbursement was disbursed if your claim was submitted on time.

**Manual Claiming Providers:** All July meal claim forms must be submitted by no later than August 5, 2018. If documents are submitted anytime later, meal claims will be considered a late (adjustment) claim.

## UPDATED PERMANENT STANDARD AGREEMENT:

### **YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**

The California Department of Education (CDE) updated the Permanent Agreement between a Sponsor and a Day Care Home Provider (Agreement). Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.18(b), requires the contents listed in the attached page to be included in the Agreement and contain the updates since the 2013 release.

Therefore, our agency has created an addendum that will be attached to your existing Agreement (contract) that we have on file.

Ensure to submit the addendum in person or post mail by no later than **Friday, August 24, 2018**. Please be advised, faxed or e-mailed copies will not be accepted, as we need to have the provider's original signature. Also, please make sure to keep a copy and attach it to your contract copy.

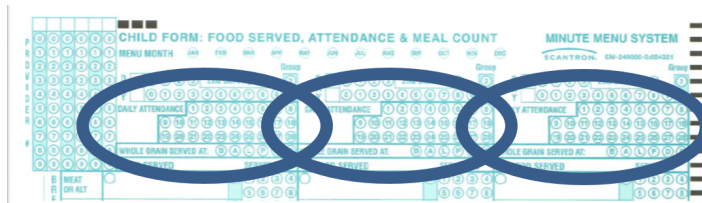
#### **ACCESSING THE ADDENDUM:**

- **Providers that claim on scannable forms** will be receiving the addendum by post mail along with the CIF and Claim Summary and Errors Report in the middle of July.
- **Providers that claim online need to download the form** (online providers were sent a message with a reminder on their KidKare accounts). We ask that you please print, read and sign the addendum that is located in our website, under forms (Form name- 2018 Addendum). **Here is link to the form**

**<http://www.evergreencacfp.org/uploads/15301424432018-addendum.pdf>**

Should you have any questions, please contact us at (213) 380-3850.

## **URGENT! NEW ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR PROVIDERS CLAIMING ON SCANNABLE FORMS:**



The USDA is requesting that participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program take attendance of the children present for the day (separate from the meal attendance). The USDA memo states that under 7 CFR 226.6(m)(4) and 226.16(d)(4), all reviews of day care homes and sponsored centers must include the reconciliation of meal counts with enrollment and attendance records for five consecutive operating days. Therefore, as of

### **August 1, 2018**

providers are required to complete the Daily Attendance section located in the top section of the menus (see image above) along with the meal attendance.

**\*\*The daily attendance must be recorded daily, prior to claiming the child's first meal of the day\*\*** **\*\*Both, daily attendance and meal attendance need to be recorded\*\***

Please be advised, failure to mark the Daily Attendance section will result in disallowance of meals, as the scanner will compare the attendance for the day with the meal attendance.

Should you have any questions regarding this new requirement, please feel free to contact us at (213) 380-3850.

\*\*\* In late June, **online claiming providers** began checking in the children before claiming meals.

## MEAL BENEFIT FORMS:

Attention to providers who:

- Want to claim and/or continue to claim **their own children** (biological/adopted)
- Want to claim your foster child(ren), who lives in your residence.
- Are in Tier 2 applying for Tier 1 rates

For those providers who fall in the categories listed above, the Meal Benefit Form for 2018-2019 is required to be updated in **August (do not take any action in the month of July, since the Meal Benefit Form for 2018-2019 CAN NOT be signed prior to August)**. Therefore, please ensure to read our upcoming August Newsletter for further instructions.

## FOLLOWING MEAL SERVICE

**TIMES:** Recent monitoring visits show that providers have not been serving their meals at the agreed schedule time with our agency. Please be advised, all providers must serve meals at the scheduled meal service times. In addition, it is a State requirement that Evergreen Child Care Inc. (ECCI) must conduct at least three successful monitoring visits within the fiscal year. Two out of three visits must be conducted during the meal time and ECCI staff must observe the actual meal service. If we cannot fulfill this state requirement, we cannot provide reimbursement for the meals that have been claimed.

For more information, please refer to the provider manual under "Rules and Regulations" tab.

## MARIA'S COOKIES:

To ensure you are in compliance with the new regulations for CACFP, it is imperative to understand that grain-based desserts are **no longer creditable** in the CACFP. However, sweet crackers such as graham crackers or animal crackers are creditable but are limited to serving them twice a week.

Please be advised, **Maria's cookies**, appear to be crackers, however they are labeled as cookies (see image below). Therefore, Maria cookies are NOT creditable in the CACFP. Please make sure to read your cracker labels and ensure that they are labeled as crackers.



We understand that day care homes may want to occasionally serve grain-based desserts, such as for celebrations or other special occasions. As a reminder, you have the flexibility to serve grain-based desserts as an **ADDITIONAL** food item that does not contribute to the meal components required for reimbursement.

## NEW CREDITABLE TORTILLA:

The creditable tortilla list has been updated and we have now added the following:

### **First Street Flour Tortillas (Burrito Size)**





# NUTRITION EDUCATION SERIES:

## Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Healthy Eating!



This month we're celebrating the Independence of America and what better way to celebrate it with fireworks, sunny weather and barbecues the healthy way. After all, Thomas Jefferson once said, "Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, **good health**, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits."

Let's celebrate America's independence by following these healthful tips:

**Life:** This month be full of life, get out and get active! Let your day care children play outside, or host physical activity games such as; musical chairs, freeze dance, or limbo dance. In honor of 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we challenge you to try at least 4 new physical activities with your day care children this month.

**Liberty:** Feel free to switch up your classic American recipes by adding more fruits and vegetables, and stay hydrated by drinking water with a twist (add fresh strawberries or oranges).

**Health:** As a day care provider, we understand that work may sometimes feel overwhelming. So, we suggest on your days off, spend time with your family and friends this holiday month. It is said that family, good friends and laughter is one of the best medicines. If you're being healthy most of the time, it's ok to splurge once in a while and enjoy that burger or ice cream along with the fireworks!

Source: (<http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2013/07/03/july-4th-celebrate-life-liberty-and-pursuit-health>)

# HARVEST OF THE MONTH:

## PEACHES/ NECTARINES



July's harvest of the month is Peaches/Nectarines. Did you know peaches and nectarines are the same type of fruit? The only thing that makes them slightly different is the fuzzy outer shell of the peaches compared to the smooth outer shell of the nectarines. Also, a little known fact is that United States is the world's leading grower of peaches. They rank among the top 10 of the most commonly eaten fruits and vegetables by children in California. More importantly, peaches/nectarines are good sources of Vitamin A and C, and fiber. Vitamin A and C are antioxidants and help protect your body from damage done by free radicals in your body. Fiber can help you feel full and help keep your blood sugar level normal. Here is a Breakfast recipe to include peaches to your diet:

### Recipe: Good Morning Cobbler

Makes 4 servings. 1 cup each.

Total time: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients:

2 medium peaches, sliced or 1 (15-ounce) can sliced peaches\*, drained.

1 (15-ounce) can pear halves, drained and sliced

¼ teaspoon almond or vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon cinnamon

¾ cup lowfat granola with raisins

\*Canned fruit packed in 100% fruit juice.

#### Directions:

1. Combine peaches, pears, extract, and cinnamon in large microwave safe bowl. Stir well.
2. Sprinkle granola over the top. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Leave a little opening for steam to get out.
3. Microwave on high for 5 minutes. Let cool for 2 minutes.
4. Spoon into bowls.

\*\*Serve warm with a side of whole-wheat toast and 1% or Fat free milk to children ( 2 yrs and above) and whole-milk to 1 year olds to make a delicious breakfast for your day care children\*\*

Source: (<http://harvestofthemonth.cdph.ca.gov>)

# Happy Birthday *Evergreen Providers!*

Faye Brim

Jessica Calderon

Maria Caniz

Angela Conley

Anait Dagesian

Yolanda Duckett

Anatoly Furer

Josefina Garza

Olivia Gonzalez

Ollie Mae Goosby

Angelica Gutierrez

Sona Hovsepyan

Fidencia Jimenez

Yelena Khachatryan

Betty Lee

Jung Ok Lee

Sun Ja Lee

Naira Meliksetyan

Nassima Mojabi

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