



2025-2026 REIMBURSEMENT RATES

The Federal Reimbursement rates are now available. Effective **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026** the federal rates for daycare homes are follows:



2025-2026 ENROLLMENT RENEWAL

As a reminder, the 2025-2026 annual enrollment renewal is coming in September. Please ensure to read our upcoming newsletter for further instructions.

ONLINE MANDATORY ANNUAL TRAINING

It's that time of the year again. The annual MANDATORY workshop is coming. The annual training will be online. Check next month's newsletter for more details.

ACTION REQUIRED FOR PROVIDERS CLAIMING THEIR OWN CHILDREN (DUE AUGUST 22, 2025)

This is a reminder that this month, providers currently claiming or wanting to start to claim their own/foster children or residential children will need to complete a Meal Benefit Form for us to determine if their own children/foster or residential children will qualify for 2025-2026, based on their household income.

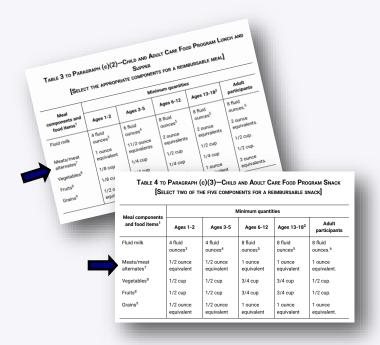
Meal benefit forms are required for providers who:

- Want to claim/continue to claim their own children (biological/adopted) or residential children (children that live in the provider's residence).
- Want to claim their foster child(ren), who live in the provider's residence. Foster children require to have their own meal benefit form (one form per foster child).

For those providers who fall in the categories listed above, the Meal Benefit Form needs to be updated in the month of August. The Meal Benefit Form is due by no later than Friday, August 22, 2025.

The Meal Benefit Form was already emailed to providers currently claiming children in the categories listed above.

Link to meal benefit form: http://www.evergreencacfp.org/ uploads/1691604446dch06-mbf for providers.pdf



OUNCE EQUIVALENT FOR MEATS & MEAT ALTER-NATES IN THE CACFP

In the CACFP (Child & Adult Care Food Program), an ounce equivalent (oz eq) of meat or meat alternate is a standard measurement used to determine how much of a food item counts towards the meat/meat alternate component of a meal. Essentially, it's a way to ensure that the portion sizes of different meat and meat alternative options are comparable in terms of their nutritional value.

Here is a breakdown of what constitutes an ounce equivalent for meats and meat alternates in the CACFP:

Meat, poultry, and fish:

1 ounce of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish (without bones, breading, etc) is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Cheese:

1 ounce of natural or processed cheese (low-fat recommended) is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Tofu:

2.2 ounces of commercially prepared tofu (containing at least 5 grams of protein) is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Eggs:

1/2 large egg is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Lagumes (cooked):

1/4 cup of cooked dry beans, lentils, or peas is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Peanut butter/nut butters:

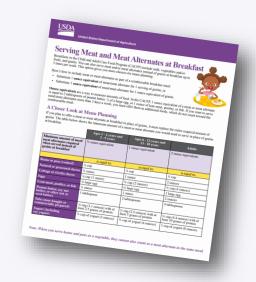
2 tablespoons of peanut butter or other nut butters is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Yogurt:

1/2 cup of yogurt or soy yogurt is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.

Tempeh:

1 ounce of tempeh is equal to 1 ounce equivalent.



Serving Meat and Meat Alternates at Breakfast

See link for guidance: http://www.evergreencacfp.org/uploads/1531164653cacfpmeatalt.pdf

Happy Birthday Evergreen Providers!

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