

**DATE:** September 2011  
**TO:** Authorized Representatives of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) – Day Care Home Component  
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**SUBJECT:** Revised Guidance Memorandum L - Meal Pattern Requirements—Infants (Birth through 11 Months) and Children (Ages 1 to 12)

Enclosed is a copy of CACFP Guidance Memorandum L, (*Meal Pattern Requirements—Infants (Birth through 11 Months) and Children (Ages 1 to 12)*), revised September 15, 2011. **Please read carefully and be sure to implement all changes effective as of October 1, 2011.** Changes in the content of the enclosed guidance memo are summarized below.

<b>Guidance Memorandum</b>	<b>New Requirements and/or Changes</b>
<b>L: Meal Pattern Requirements</b>	1) Removes the requirement that menus must list the specific types of milk being provided. 2) Adds the requirement that any request for higher fat milk must be made through a medical statement, related to a medical disability, and prescribed by a licensed physician. 3) Provides additional guidance on handling provider situations when the correct types of milk are not being served.

Information at the bottom of the guidance memo page gives the revision date and directs readers to the DPI Community Nutrition Team website, so agency staff can check to be sure they are using the most current revision of a specific guidance memo. The web address can also be used to locate electronic copies of documents and spreadsheets found in the guidance memos.

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