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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FCC Providers and Centers

RE: INFANT FEEDING IN THE CACFP

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Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued participation in the CACFP.

As a participating CACFP provider we wanted to send a friendly reminder that when you enroll infants in your care, you are required under USDA Civil Rights requirements (see your posted Building for the Future flyer) to offer infants in your care a brand of formula and supplemental foods when the infant becomes developmentally ready for them.

When enrolling a new participating infant, you should be offering these items, see the *examples* below:

Provider: Hi Ms. Johnson as we enroll your infant, I wanted to let you know that I offer Parent's Choice Iron Fortified formula and purchase Beechnut brand cereal and jarred food and will also puree/chop foods on my regular menus to serve your infant when he/she is developmentally ready for supplemental foods. Would you like to accept my formula and foods? Also, here is a copy of my posted weekly menu for infants."

Parent Response #1: Wow, that sounds great, I accept both. [Enroll this infant as "Yes" participating, list your brand of formula and "Accepts your formula and Supplemental foods]

Parent Response #2: Wow, that sounds great, but I would like to supply my own breastmilk/formula and would like to accept your supplemental foods when my infant is developmentally ready. [Enroll this infant as "Yes" Participating and "Accepts Provider's Supplemental foods and list the formula you offered]

Parent Response #3 Thank you for letting me know that, but I would like to supply my own breastmilk/formula and wish to supply my own brand of cereal and prepare his/her own foods and will bring them to you for serving. [Enroll this infant as "Yes" participating and "Refuses Provider's Supplemental Foods" – *Please note you will not be reimbursed for this infant's meals once he/she is served meals that include more than the breastmilk/formula.*]

Parent Response #4: Thank you for letting me know about the CACFP, but I wish not to participate in this program. [Enroll this child as non-participating and you will not receive reimbursement for this infant's meals.]  
Note: *Any changes in the child's participation status will require an updated enrollment form.*

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider*

Please find attached for use, “First Foods Check-In” for use with parents when discussing supplemental foods. Note: Providers who live in Washington, D.C. and participate under OSSE’s Nutrition Program are required to submit a copy of this form to TPC in addition to the child’s enrollment form.

Please see the Infant Feeding Pamphlet for Infant Feeding Guidelines and an example menu.

Please note that when an infant is enrolled as “participating” in the CACFP, USDA *allows providers to be reimbursed for meals* that include “parent provided breastmilk/formula” and even meals when the parent comes to your facility and breast feeds the baby when the infant is **not** developmentally ready for supplemental foods. *[Note: this would not include an infant if the parent refuses participation in the CACFP, see Parent Response #4]*

If you have any questions or concerns about this memo and/or these Infant Feeding Requirements, please do not hesitate to contact your Field Monitor.

Respectfully,

The CACFP Team