

*Date:* April 14, 2015  
*To:* Non-School Special Milk Program Authorized Representatives  
*From:* Community Nutrition Team  
*Subject:* SMP: Reminder: Proposed Changes to the CACFP Meal Pattern includes changes to the Special Milk Program Comments due April 15, 2015



[Proposed Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) - includes the Special Milk Program

**Read Proposed Rule** [http://www.cacfp.org/files/8614/2133/9215/proposed\\_rule2015-00446.pdf](http://www.cacfp.org/files/8614/2133/9215/proposed_rule2015-00446.pdf)

This rule proposes changes to the meal pattern requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to better align the meal patterns with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). The proposed changes are based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, science-based recommendations made by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in the report Child and Adult Care Food Program: Aligning Dietary Guidance for All, and input from stakeholders, as well as cost and practical considerations for CACFP institutions and facilities. In addition, this proposal would make additional revisions to the health and wellness components of CACFP to reflect several requirements set forth in the HHFKA, including making changes to the purpose of the Program and making water available to Program participants. Several of these changes would be extended to the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Special Milk Program to increase consistency across all Child Nutrition Programs. Implementation of this proposed rule would serve as a step towards more nutritious meals that improve the dietary habits of participants in day care.

#### **Proposed changes to Fluid Milk include**

- Allows only low-fat or fat-free milk to children 2 years of age and older and adults
- Allows only unflavored whole milk for children 1 year of age
- Requires flavored milk to be fat-free only

- Allows non-dairy substitutes that are nutritionally equivalent to cow's milk for participants with medical or special dietary needs

**Additional Proposed Revisions** USDA is especially interested in obtaining public input on the following.

- Flavored milk served to children 2 through 4 years of age
  - **Alternative 1:** Prohibit the service of flavored milk. This provision would be considered a requirement which could result in required corrective action and/or disallowance of milk reimbursement if not followed.

**OR**

- **Alternative 2:** Require flavored milk to contain no more than 22 grams of sugar per 8 fluid ounce serving. This provision would be considered a requirement which could result in required corrective action and/or disallowance of milk reimbursement if not followed.

- Flavored milk served to children 5 years and older
  - **Alternative B1:** Flavored milk must contain no more than 22 grams of sugar per 8 fluid ounce serving. This provision would be considered a requirement which could result in required corrective action and/or disallowance of milk reimbursement if not followed.

**OR**

- **Alternative B2:** Sugar limit is a best practice. Providers would be encouraged to adhere to these limitations but would not be required to do so.

## Comment Now!

**Comment period open for 90 days: Deadline April 15, 2015**

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FNS-2011-0029-0001>

Written comments should:

- Be specific and confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule
- Explain the reasons and/or provide supporting information for any recommended changes or provisions you oppose

Reference the section or paragraph of the proposal you're addressing, when possible.

For information on the **Proposed Meal Patterns for CACFP** visit our website at [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_prop\\_meal\\_patt\\_cacfp](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_prop_meal_patt_cacfp).

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