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To: Child Nutrition, Inc. Family Child Care Providers

From: Elizabeth Wittusen, Director of Administration

Date: July - 2009

Re: Statement for Special Diet Prescription

Effective July 1, 2009 all institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) will be required to use the enclosed Statement for Special Diet Prescription form to document modifications or substitutions made to the CACFP meal pattern requirements for medical reasons.

USDA regulations 7CFR Part 15B requires substitution or modifications in program meals for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. A child with a disability must be supplied substitutions in foods when that need is supported by a statement signed by a licensed physician. Food allergies which may result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction, also meet the definition of "disability", and the substitutions prescribed by the licensed physician/medical authority would be made.

These forms should be reviewed annually by the parent/guardian. Any changes made must be approved by a licensed medical authority.

If you have any questions, please contact Child Nutrition, Inc. at 1-800-735-5434.