

Claiming Infants for Reimbursement

Each infant under the age of 12 months must have his/her separate set of menus for the month claimed. Cycle menus, pre-planned menus or copies of menus are ***not acceptable*** for infants. Menus need to be **written every day**.

On the forms, providers will need to specify which formula brand and type is being served to each individual infant on the infant menu (page 21). As a reminder, whole milk **cannot** be served in lieu of breast milk or iron-fortified infant formula to any infants under 12 months of age in order to be on the Food Program, **No exceptions**. In order to receive reimbursement for the infant(s) in your care, the infant(s) must qualify.

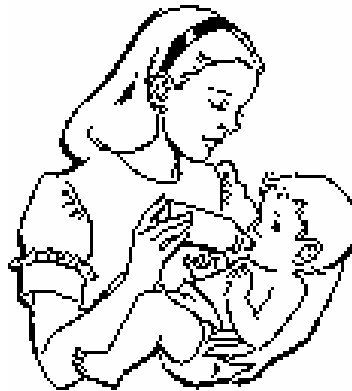
Please refer to the examples below to determine if the infant(s) in your care qualify:

- a) **Provider** must supply/purchase all formula and food components to receive reimbursement for infants 0-12 months.
- b) **Breastfed babies** can be claimed from 0-12 months, if mom expresses breast milk and leaves with provider to be served. If mom comes to provider's home to breastfeed infant, the provider cannot be reimbursed until the infant is at least 8 months of age and other required food components are served by the Provider.
- c) If the **parent** supplies formula or brings formula (**WIC**) the Provider can only claim the infant, if the provider feeds the infant(s) at each meal or snack.

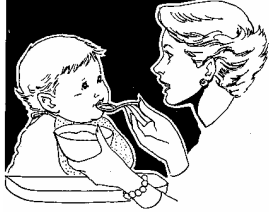
Each child must still be listed on the Attendance and Meal Count form.

Commercial combination dinners are ***not credited*** (e.g. vegetable beef, ham and apples). However, after measuring the appropriate amount of each individual component, plain meats may be mixed with fruits or vegetables. Iron-fortified dry cereal may be added to infant combination dinners. Please refer to the infant meal pattern chart for serving size.

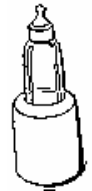
Yogurt is not allowed in the infant meal pattern.



Infant Meal Patterns

	0 to 3 Months	4 to 7 months	8 to 11 months
BREAKFAST	4-6 ounces formula or breast milk	4-8 ounces formula or breast milk 0-3 Tbsp. Infant Cereal (optional)	6-8 ounces formula or breast milk 2-4 Tablespoons infant cereal 1-4 Tablespoons fruit and/or vegetable
LUNCH OR SUPPER	4-6 ounces formula or breast milk 	4-8 ounces formula or breast milk 0-3 Tbsp. Infant Cereal (optional) 0-3 Tbsp. Fruit and/or vegetable (optional)	6-8 ounces formula or breast milk 2-4 Tablespoons infant cereal and/or 1-4 Tbsp. Meat, fish, poultry egg yolk, or cooked dry beans or peas, or 1/2-2 oz. Cheese or 1-4 oz. (volume) Cottage cheese, 1-4 oz (weight) cheese food or cheese spread 1-4 Tbsp. Fruit and/or Veg.
A.M. OR P.M. SUPPLEMENT	4-6 ounces formula or breast milk	4-6 ounces formula or breast milk	2 to 4 fl oz formula or breast milk or fruit juice 0-1/2 whole grain enriched or flour bread (optional) or 0-2 whole grain, enriched or flour crackers (optional)

1. Breastfed babies can be claimed from 0-12 months, if mom expresses breast milk and leaves with provider to be served. If mom comes to providers home to breastfeed the infant the provider cannot be reimbursed until the infant is 8 months of age and all other required food components are served and supplied by the provider.
2. For infants 4 through 7 months of age, solid foods are optional, and should be introduced only when the infant is developmentally ready. Solid foods should be introduced one at the time on a gradual basis. Whenever possible, consult with parents in making decisions to introduce solid foods.
3. Cottage cheese, cheese, and cheese products provide very little iron, and should be served at meals only when iron-fortified infant formula is also provided
4. Juice (full-strength) is an optional item and should not be offered to infants until they are ready to drink from a cup. Juice may not be substituted for formula at snack time for infants under 8 months old.
5. Iron-fortified fluid infant formula (please list formula on daily infant menu sheets). Cow's milk may not be served to any infants under 12 months to qualify for the food program.
6. Iron-fortified dry infant cereal. Must be served at breakfast to infants 8-12 months of age (no exceptions). Cannot be substituted for any other type of cereal.
7. If the parent supplies formula or brings formula (WIC) then the provider can only claim the infant, if the provider feeds the infant(s).



NOTE: All foods are to be of texture and appropriate consistency for the age group. The food may be served during a time span consistent with the infant's eating habits.