This Policy Alert revises CACFP-DCH Handbook section 4112.1 Meal Pattern Charts-Infants.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has revised program policy to recognize the non-food related cost of serving infants by allowing providers to claim reimbursement for meals in which the only required components are breastmilk or infant formula and the breastmilk or the formula is supplied by the provider or parent/guardian.

Reimbursable meals for infants may contain either breastmilk or iron-fortified infant formula, or both. To receive reimbursement, the provider must offer the infant a complete meal that meets the appropriate meal pattern requirements based on the infant’s age. The meal must be fed to the infant by the provider.

EXAMPLE: Birth through three months- A provider may claim reimbursement for meals containing parent/guardian-provided formula or breast milk.

If you have any questions regarding this Policy Alert, please contact your Area Program Office.