This Policy Alert provides answers to questions received from the “Feeding Infants – During the First Year” training class conducted on February 20, 2008.

Question: The parent and child are participants of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and are receiving infant formula which they cannot use due to the excess of formula received. The parent does not want the infant formula to be wasted, so therefore, the parent declines the infant formula provided by provider but brings the same infant formula from home. Can the sponsor claim the meal for reimbursement?

Answer: Yes, as long as the provider has a statement from the parent declining the infant formula offered by the provider.

Question: The child turns one year old and the parents have infant formula and iron-fortified infant cereal they would like to give to the provider as a donation. Can the provider use the infant formula and iron-fortified infant cereal and claim reimbursement?

Answer: Yes, the provider can use the infant formula and iron-fortified infant cereal and claim reimbursement as long as the sponsor documents that the donations were used for use in the CACFP.

Question: Can the sponsor claim reimbursement if parent volunteers come to the day care home and feed the infants?

Answer: Yes, the sponsor can claim reimbursement if the parent volunteers are feeding the infants infant formula and/or iron-fortified infant cereal provided by the provider. If the parent volunteer is breastfeeding their infant at the day care home or brought their own infant formula and/or iron-fortified infant formula, the sponsor can not claim reimbursement.

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If you have any questions please contact your Food and Nutrition Field Operations Office.