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Obligation to Serve Infants in the CACFP

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This center/home/ministry participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives USDA reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to infants and children. Participation in this program requires caregivers to follow specific meal patterns according to the age of the child being fed.

Policy requires a center/home/ministry participating in the CACFP to offer formula and meals to infants who are in care during meal service times. Parents/guardians, however, may decline what is offered, and supply the infant's meals instead.

Please complete the following information:

Name of Provider/Child Care Center:_____
Type(s) of formula offered:_____
Name of Infant_____ **Birth Date** _____

1. Select the correct option(s) below:

☐	I accept the type(s) of formula offered by my provider/childcare center/ministry.	
☐	I declined the type(s) of formula offered by my provider/childcare center/ministry.	
	If declined, indicate preferred option below:	
	☐	I will provide _____formula for my infant. (name of formula)
	☐	I will provide breast milk or breast-feed my infant on-site at the facility

2. Select the correct option below:

☐	I accept the meals and snacks offered by my provider/childcare center/ministry.
☐	I decline the meals and snacks offered by my provider/childcare center/ministry.
☐	I will provide meals and snacks for my infant.

_____ _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN **DATE**

1. This form must be kept on file for each infant enrolled in childcare.
2. As situation changes, such as a medical authority changing the infant's formula, a new form should be completed.
3. This form must be kept current and accurate for each infant enrolled for childcare until the infant reaches one year of age or is no longer on infant formula.
4. If the parent/guardian declines the formula offered but supplies formula or breast milk and the provider supplies meals and/or snack components, the meal may be claimed for reimbursement.
5. If the parent/guardian declines infant meals/snacks, meals and snacks may NOT be claimed for reimbursement

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