



US Department of Agriculture Proposed CACFP Meal Pattern Changes

Comments Due April 15, 2015

Proposed Meal Pattern Changes

- Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
 - Published in Federal Register on January 15
 - **Open for comments through April 15**
 - View and comment at:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FN S-2011-0029-0001>
 - Final rule will be issued after comment period
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Making Comments Online

- Making comments online is preferred
 - View and comment online at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FNS-2011-0029-0001>
 - Provide contact information
 - Write comments or upload document
 - Upload supporting documents
 - Such as data, statistics, research studies, etc. that support your arguments
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Making Comments by Mail

- Mail comments to:
Tina Namian
Branch Chief
Policy and Program Development Division,
Child Nutrition Programs
Food and Nutrition Service
Department of Agriculture
PO Box 66874
St. Louis, MO 63166
 - Comments must be postmarked (mailed) on or before the deadline (April 15)
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Making Comments

- NOTE: Responding to a survey or giving your opinion verbally do **not** count as comments
 - May use form letter or sample comments
 - Signing onto a letter counts as one comment
 - Submitting individual comments has more impact
 - Your stories and voice of experience needed
 - State your role/position title and years of experience as part of your comment
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Making Comments

- Comments should be
 - Specific
 - Relevant to issues in the proposed rule
 - Supported with explanations of the reason(s) and/or supporting information for any change you recommend or proposal(s) you oppose
 - When possible, reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal you are addressing.
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Making Comments

- Let USDA know whether:
 - The rules are clear
 - The language is understandable
 - The formatting is clear
 - The section breaks make sense
 - The background info is helpful
 - Provide comments on specific proposals, especially those for which USDA has requested comments (flavored milk & yogurt)
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Making Comments

- What can be done to minimize burden while promoting nutrition and wellness?
 - What are the benefits and costs?
 - Does the proposal go far enough to promote nutrition?
 - How can we foster innovation, consistency, predictability, and reduced costs for compliance & enforcement?
 - How can USDA best inform and educate you?
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