



Infant Meal Notification Letter

To: Parents and guardians of infants under one year of age

From: Provider: First Steps Early Learning Center

All children enrolled in this family day care home, including infants, are eligible for meals through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Family day care homes who participate in this program are reimbursed by USDA to help with the cost of serving nutritious meals that meet CACFP guidelines to all enrolled children. To fully meet CACFP requirements, this provider is required to offer at least one formula and other required infant foods* to enrolled infants until they turn one year of age.

The iron-fortified infant formula this provider offers is: Member's Mark Advantage

***Other infant foods supplied by this provider include:** iron-fortified infant cereal; meat/meat alternates; fruits and vegetables; and bread, crackers, or ready-to-eat cereal. More details about what is creditable can be found in the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern

You may choose to supply one item for your infant. For example, you may come to the facility to breastfeed your child or bring your own breastmilk or iron-fortified infant formula. If the provider supplies the iron-fortified formula, you may bring one other infant food that meets the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern requirements. A copy of the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern is printed on the back of this letter. The provider will claim reimbursement for your infant's meals when a meal contains only breastmilk or iron-fortified infant formula regardless of who supplies it. Please note that the provider will also introduce semi-solid foods to your infant according to the decisions made by you and your infant's doctor. It is recommended that breastmilk or iron-fortified formula is the only food until your child shows developmental readiness for additional foods at about 6 month of age.

Please check your preferences:

Formula or Breastmilk: (check one)

- I want the provider to supply formula for my infant.
- I will provide the following formula for my infant: _____
Note: I understand that I will need to submit a Special Diet Statement if I provide a low-iron infant formula or other special formula for my infant.
- I will provide breastmilk for my infant.

Solid Food: (check one)

- I want the provider to supply all solid foods for my infant when he/she is developmentally ready.
- I will provide one infant food item for my infant. This may be breastmilk, formula, or a solid food item that meets the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern requirements.
- I will provide two or more food items for my infant and thus decline the CACFP.

Infant's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____