



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES  
COMMUNITY FOOD and NUTRITION ASSISTANCE (CFNA)  
CHILD and ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)  
**INSTRUCTIONS for COMPLETING CACFP-227**

**REQUEST for SPECIAL MEALS AND/OR ACCOMMODATIONS**

1. **Center/School/Agency:** Print the name of the center, school or agency that is providing the form to the parent/guardian.
2. **Site:** Print the name of the site where meals will be served (e.g., child care center, school site community center, etc.)
3. **Site Telephone Number:** Print the telephone number of site where meal will be served. See #2.
4. **Name of Participant:** Print the name of the child or adult participant to whom the information pertains.
5. **Age of Participant:** Print the participant Date of Birth.
6. **Name of Parent or Guardian:** Print the name of the person requesting the participant's medical statement.
7. **Telephone Number:** Print the telephone number of parent or guardian.
8. **Check One:** Check (✓) a box to indicate whether participant has a disability or does not have a disability.
9. **Disability or Medical Condition Requiring a Special Meal or Accommodation:** Describe the medical condition that requires a special meal or accommodation (e.g., juvenile diabetes, peanut allergy, etc.)
10. **If Participant has a Disability, Provide a Brief Description of Participant's Major Life Activity Affected by the Disability:** Describe how physical or medical condition affects disability. For example: "Allergy to peanuts causes a life-threatening reaction affecting the respiratory system."
11. **Diet Prescription and/or Accommodation:** Describe a specific diet or accommodation that has been prescribed by a physician, or describe diet modification requested for a non-disabling condition. For example: "All foods must be either in liquid or pureed form. Participant cannot consume any solid foods."
12. **Indicate Texture:** Check (✓) a box to indicate the type of texture of food that is required. If the participant does not need any modification, check "Regular".
13. **A. Foods to Be Omitted:** List specific foods that must be omitted. For example, "exclude fluid milk."  
**B. Foods to Be Substituted:** List specific foods to include in the diet. For example, "calcium fortified juice."
14. **Adaptive Equipment:** Describe specific equipment required to assist the participant with dining. (Examples may include a "sippy" cup, a large handled spoon, wheel-chair accessible furniture, etc.)
15. **Signature of Preparer:** Signature of person completing form.
16. **Printed Name:** Print name of person completing form.
17. **Telephone Number:** Telephone number of person completing form.
18. **Date:** Date preparer signed form.
19. **Signature of Medical Authority:** Signature of medical authority requesting the special meal or accommodation.
20. **Printed Name:** Print name of medical authority.
21. **Telephone Number:** Telephone number of medical authority.
22. **Date:** Date medical authority signed form.

The Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act defines a "disability," in part, as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity or major bodily function of an individual.

**(For additional information on the definition of disability, please refer to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008)**

Information regarding the ADA, which expanded the definition of disability, can be found at:  
<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/archiveada/documents/ComparisonofADAandADAAA.pdf>

For more information, refer to the subject information in the Program specific Policy and Procedure Manual at:  
[www.health.mo.gov/cacfp](http://www.health.mo.gov/cacfp)

## MEDICAL STATEMENT TO REQUEST SPECIAL MEALS AND/OR ACCOMMODATIONS

1. SPONSOR Name	2. Site Name, if different from #1.	3. Site Telephone Number	
4. Name of Participant		5. Date of Birth	
6. Name of Parent or Guardian		7. Telephone Number	
<b>8. Check One:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Participant has a disability or a medical condition and <i>requires</i> a special meal or accommodation. (Refer to instructions.) CACFP, schools and agencies participating in federal nutrition programs must comply with requests for special meals and any adaptive equipment. <b>A licensed physician must sign this form.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Participant does not have a disability, but is requesting a special meal or accommodation due to food intolerance(s) or other medical reasons. Food preferences are not an appropriate use of this form. CACFP, schools and agencies participating in federal nutrition programs are encouraged to accommodate reasonable requests. <b>A licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner must sign this form.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Participant does not have a disability, but is requesting a special accommodation for a <b>fluid milk substitute</b> that meets the nutrient standards for non-dairy beverages offered as milk substitutes. Food preferences are not an appropriate use of this form. CACFP, schools and agencies participating in federal nutrition programs are encouraged to accommodate reasonable requests. <b>A licensed physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or parent or guardian may sign this form.</b>			
9. Disability or medical condition requiring a special meal or accommodation:			
10. If participant has a disability, provide a brief description of participant's major life activity affected by the disability:			
11. Diet prescription and/or accommodation: <i>(please describe in detail to ensure proper implementation-use extra pages as needed)</i>			
<b>12. Foods to be omitted and substitutions: <i>(please list specific foods to be omitted and required substitution; attach a sheet with additional information as needed)</i></b>			
<b>A. Foods To Be Omitted</b>		<b>B. Foods to be Substituted</b>	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>13. Indicate texture:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Pureed			
14. Adaptive Equipment:			
15. Signature of Preparer*	16. Printed Name	17. Telephone Number	18. Date
19. Signature of Medical Authority*	20. Printed Name	21. Telephone Number	22. Date

\* Physician's signature is required for participants with a disability. For participants without a disability, a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner must sign the form. Parent/legal guardian signature is acceptable for fluid milk substitution for a child with special medical or dietary needs other than a disability. The information on this form should be updated to reflect the current medical and/or nutritional needs of the participant.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)