

COMMON QUESTIONS WITH INFANT MEALS

INFANTS (CACFP 02-2018)

#3. If an infant is developmentally ready to accept solid foods prior to 6 months of age, the center or day care home may serve the solid foods and claim reimbursement for those meals?

Once an infant is developmentally ready for solid foods, the center or day care home must indicate on menus what solid foods are being served and the serving size of the food served.

#6. What should a monitor do when conducting an on-site review and he/she finds an 8-month-old infant is not being served solid foods?

The monitor should speak with the center or day care home to understand why the infant is not being served solid foods. Infants are typically developmentally ready to consume solid foods by 8 months of age; however, each infant develops at his or her own rate. If an 8-month-old infant is not developmentally ready for solid foods and the center is serving the required serving size for breastmilk or infant formula for the 6- through 11-month-old age group, the meal is reimbursable.

FEEDING INFANTS IN CACFP (PG. 174)

#14. Can I serve babies in my care pancakes, fruit, & formula at breakfast or lunch and claim it as a reimbursable meal?

NO, the only grain that is allowed at breakfast or lunch is iron-fortified infant cereal. Other grains **CANNOT** be served in place of infant cereal. The pancake could be an extra food, not part of the reimbursable meal.

A copy of the Feeding Infants in CACFP guide was sent out to all centers that could have infants. This is also located in the Resource Library.

Monthly trainings are available for Infants Meals.

