



Coffee County School Nutrition Program
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Medical Statement for Meal Modification

USDA Regulations require substitutions or modifications in school meals for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. A child with a disability must be provided substitutions in foods when that need is supported by a statement signed by a licensed physician.

The physician's statement must identify:

- the child's disability;
- an explanation of why the disability restricts the child's diet; and
- the major life activity affected by the disability.

Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement which explains the food omission and substitution that is requested by a recognized medical authority.

The medical statement must include:

- an identification of the medical or other special dietary condition which restricts the child's diet;
- the food or foods to be omitted from the child's diet;
- the food or foods to be substituted; and
- it must be signed by a recognized and licensed medical authority (physician, advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority, or a physician assistant).

Please submit the completed physician's order to your cafeteria manager. ***Incomplete forms, or forms which have not been signed by a licensed medical authority will not be accepted.*** Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep your child safe at school.