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CACFP POLICY MEMORANDUM #18

Subject: Combination Food Components

Attention: All Agencies participating in Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

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Alaska Child Nutrition Services Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program are now limiting the number of components that may be claimed in combination foods. A combination food is one that encompasses multiple components combined together such as a casserole, lasagna, or mixed main dish salads such as chicken salad with vegetables. Two different component items are allowed to be claimed towards a reimbursable meal in a combination food.

For example, lasagna that contains meat, noodles, sauce and vegetables can only be claimed for two different components. A program may decide to count the meat and the grain for this meal, even though there are also vegetables included.

There must be the minimum amount of a particular component in each serving. See the Food Buying Guide for guidance if the minimum serving size is not being met by the combination food. In this case you need to add other food(s) to the menu, in that component group, to reach the minimum serving size.

Please see Child Nutrition Services Policy Memo #15 for further details related to recipe requirements when combination foods are on the menu.
