Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in the School Nutrition Programs

Use this form to request a meal modification for children participating in any of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP, Special Milk Program (SMP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-risk Supper Program implemented in schools. For instructions, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) *Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in School Nutrition Programs*.

Section A: Completed by Parent or Guardian

Name of child:_____ Birth date:_____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Phone number (with area code):_____ Email address: _____

Address:_____ City:_____ State:___ Zip:_____

In accordance with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I hereby authorize my child's state licensed healthcare professional or registered dietitian listed below to release such protected health information of my child as is necessary for the specific purpose of special diet information to the school district listed below and to freely exchange the information listed on this form and in my child's records with the school district as necessary. I understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization without impact on the eligibility of my request for a meal modification for my child. I understand that I may rescind permission to release this information at any time, except when the information has already been released.

Name of child's state licensed healthcare professional or registered dietitian:_____

Name of school district:_____

Signature of parent or guardian:_____ Date:_____

Section B: Completed by State Licensed Healthcare Professional or Registered Dietitian

This section must be completed by the child's physician (MD), physician assistant (PA or PAC), doctor of osteopathy (DO), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or registered dietitian (RD or RDN)

1. **Physical or mental impairment:** Does the child have a physical or mental impairment that restricts the child's diet?

   ☐ **No** ☐ **Yes:** Describe how the child's physical or mental impairment restricts the child's diet.

2. **Diet plan:** Explain the meal modification for the child. Attach a specific diet plan, if needed.

3. **Food omissions and substitutions:** List foods to be omitted from the child's diet and foods to be substituted.

4. **Food texture:** List foods that require a change in texture and describe below. Indicate if all foods should be prepared in this manner.

   ☐ Cut up or chopped into bite-size pieces ☐ Finely ground ☐ Pureed

   Equipment: List any special equipment or utensils needed.

5. **Additional information:** Indicate any other information about the child's eating or feeding patterns that will assist in providing the requested meal modification.

Signature and Office Stamp of State Licensed Healthcare Professional or Registered Dietitian

Name:_____ Office stamp:

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Phone number (with area code):_____

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   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

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