

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

<b>1. School or Agency</b>	<b>2. Site Name</b>	<b>3. Site Phone Number</b>	
<b>4. Name of Child or Participant</b>		<b>5. Age or Date of Birth</b>	
<b>6. Name of Parent or Guardian</b>		<b>7. Phone Number</b>	
<b>8. Description of Child or Participant's Physical or Mental Impairment Affected:</b>			
<b>9. Explanation of Diet Prescription and/or Accommodation to Ensure Proper Implementation:</b>			
<b>10. Indicate Food Texture for Above Child or Participant:</b>			
<b>Regular</b>	<b>Chopped</b>	<b>Ground</b>	<b>Pureed</b>
<b>11. Foods to be Omitted and Appropriate Substitutions:</b>			
<b>Foods To Be Omitted</b>		<b>Suggested Substitutions</b>	
<b>12. Adaptive Equipment to be Used:</b>			
<b>13. Signature of State Licensed Healthcare Professional*</b>	<b>14. Printed Name</b>	<b>15. Phone Number</b>	<b>16. Date</b>

\*For this purpose, a state licensed healthcare professional in California is a licensed physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner.

The information on this form should be updated to reflect the current medical and/or nutritional needs of the participant.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **School or Agency:** Print the name of the school or agency that is providing the form to the parent.
2. **Site:** Print the name of the site where meals will be served.
3. **Site Phone Number:** Print the phone number of site where meal will be served.
4. **Name of Child or Participant:** Print the name of the child or participant to whom the information pertains.
5. **Age of Child or Participant:** Print the age of the child or participant. For infants, please use date of birth.
6. **Name of Parent or Guardian:** Print the name of the person requesting the child or participant's medical statement.
7. **Phone Number:** Print the phone number of parent or guardian.
8. **Description of Child or Participant's Physical or Mental Impairment Affected:** Describe how the physical or mental impairment restricts the child or participant's diet.
9. **Explanation of Diet Prescription and/or Accommodation to Ensure Proper Implementation:** Describe a specific diet or accommodation that has been prescribed by the state healthcare professional.
10. **Indicate Texture:** If the child or participant does not need any modification, check "Regular".
11. **Foods to be Omitted:** List specific foods that must be omitted (e.g., exclude fluid milk).  
**Suggested Substitutions:** List specific foods to include in the diet (e.g., calcium-fortified juice).
12. **Adaptive Equipment to be Used:** Describe specific equipment required to assist the child or participant with dining (e.g., sippy cup, large handled spoon, wheel-chair accessible furniture, etc.).
13. **Signature of State Licensed Healthcare Professional:** Signature of state licensed healthcare professional requesting the special meal or accommodation.
14. **Printed Name:** Print name of state licensed healthcare professional.
15. **Phone Number:** Phone number of state licensed healthcare professional.
16. **Date:** Date state licensed healthcare professional signed form.

### **Citations are from Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and ADA Amendment Act of 2008:**

**A person with a disability** is defined as any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

**Physical or mental impairment** means (a) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory; speech; organs; cardiovascular; reproductive, digestive, genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (b) any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

**Major life activities** include, but are not limited to, caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working.

**Major bodily functions** have been added to major life activities and include the functions of the immune system; normal cell growth; and digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

**“Has a record of such an impairment”** means a person has, or has been classified (or misclassified) as having, a history of mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.