



## ADULT MEAL PATTERN

<b>Breakfast</b> (Select all three components for a reimbursable meal)	
Food Components and Food Items <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Quantities
<b>Fluid Milk<sup>2</sup></b>	8 fluid ounces
<b>Vegetables, fruits, or portions of both<sup>3</sup></b>	½ cup
<b>Grains (oz eq)<sup>4,5,6</sup></b>	
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread	2 slices
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread product, such as biscuit, roll or muffin	2 servings
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified cooked breakfast cereal <sup>7</sup> , cereal grain, and/or pasta	1 cup
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold) <sup>7,8</sup>	
Flakes or rounds	2 cups
Puffed cereal	2 ½ cups
Granola	½ cup

<sup>1</sup> Must serve all three components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for adult participants.

<sup>2</sup> Must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk. Six ounces (weight) or ¾ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

<sup>3</sup> Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.

<sup>4</sup> At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards meeting the grains requirement.

<sup>5</sup> Meat and meat alternates may be used to meet the entire grains requirement a maximum of three times a week. One ounce of meat and meat alternates is equal to one ounce equivalent of grains.

<sup>6</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.

<sup>7</sup> Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).

<sup>8</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, the minimum serving size specified in this section for ready-to-eat breakfast cereals must be served. Until October 1, 2019, the minimum serving size for any type of ready-to-eat breakfast cereals is 1 ½ cups for adults.

## ADULT MEAL PATTERN

Lunch and Supper (Select all five components for a reimbursable meal)	
Food Components and Food Items <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Quantities
<b>Fluid Milk</b> <sup>2,3</sup>	8 fluid ounces
<b>Meat/meat alternates</b>	
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	2 ounces
Tofu, soy product, or alternate protein product <sup>4</sup>	2 ounces
Cheese	2 ounces
Large egg	1
Cooked dry beans or peas	½ cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or another nut or seed butter	4 tbsp
Yogurt, plain or flavored, sweetened or unsweetened <sup>5</sup>	8 ounces or 1 cup
The following may be used to meet no more than 50% of the requirement: Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds, as listed in program guidance, or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternates (1 ounces of nuts/seeds = 1 ounce of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish)	1 ounce = 50%
<b>Vegetables</b> <sup>6</sup>	½ cup
<b>Fruits</b> <sup>6,7</sup>	½ cup
<b>Grains (oz eq)</b> <sup>8,9</sup>	
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread	2 slices
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread product, such as biscuit, roll or muffin	2 servings
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified cooked breakfast cereal <sup>10</sup> , cereal grain, and/or pasta	1 cup

<sup>1</sup> Must serve all five components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for adult participants.

<sup>2</sup> Must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk. Six ounces (weight) or ¾ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

<sup>3</sup> A serving of fluid milk is optional for suppers served to adult participants.

<sup>4</sup> Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226.

<sup>5</sup> Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

<sup>6</sup> Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.

<sup>7</sup> A vegetable may be used to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or supper, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.

<sup>8</sup> At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards the grains requirement.

<sup>9</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of the creditable grain.

<sup>10</sup> Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).

## ADULT MEAL PATTERN

<b>Snack</b>	
(Select two of the five components for a reimbursable meal)	
Food Components and Food Items <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Quantities
<b>Fluid Milk<sup>2</sup></b>	8 fluid ounces
<b>Meat/meat alternates</b>	
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1 ounce
Tofu, soy product, or alternate protein product <sup>3</sup>	1 ounce
Cheese	1 ounce
Large egg	½
Cooked dry beans or peas	¼ cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or another nut or seed butter	2 tbsp
Yogurt, plain or flavored, sweetened or unsweetened <sup>4</sup>	4 ounces or ½ cup
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds	1 ounce
<b>Vegetables<sup>5</sup></b>	½ cup
<b>Fruits<sup>5</sup></b>	½ cup
<b>Grains (oz eq)<sup>6,7</sup></b>	
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread	1 slice
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread product, such as biscuit, roll or muffin	1 serving
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified cooked breakfast cereal <sup>8</sup> , cereal grain, and/or pasta	½ cup
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold) <sup>8,9</sup>	
Flakes or rounds	1 cup
Puffed cereal	1 ¼ cup
Granola	¼ cup

<sup>1</sup> Select two of the five components for a reimbursable snack. Only one of the two components may be a beverage.

<sup>2</sup> Must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk. Six ounces (weight) or ¾ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

<sup>3</sup> Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226.

<sup>4</sup> Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

<sup>5</sup> Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.

<sup>6</sup> At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards meeting the grains requirement.

<sup>7</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.

<sup>8</sup> Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).

<sup>9</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, the minimum serving sizes specified in this section for ready-to-eat breakfast cereals must be served. Until October 1, 2019, the minimum serving size for any type of ready-to-eat breakfast cereals is 1 ½ cups for adults.