

USDA Regulation 7CFR Part 15, requires that we maintain a Physician's order for all special dietary needs.

Physician's Statement for Children with Disabilities

USDA Regulations 7 CFR Part 15b 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;
- the major life activity affected by the disability;
- the food or foods to be omitted from the child's diet, and the food or choice of foods that must be substituted.

Medical Statement for Children with Special Dietary Needs

Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement, which explains the food substitution that is requested. It must be **signed 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; and
- the food or choice of foods to be substituted.

Please submit the most recent physician's order to your school nurse or café manager so that we may update your child's record. Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep your child safe at school.