



MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

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Re: Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs

State Agency Memo

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This memorandum is to provide expansion to the list of acceptable medical professionals that may sign a medical statement for meal accommodations in the Child Nutrition Programs and recommend alternative foods for children whose disability restricts their diets.

Current regulations require that students whose disabilities restrict their diets be provided with reasonable accommodations for all meals and snacks with a medical statement that is signed by a licensed physician. However, recent changes to these regulations allows for the following medical professional in the District of Columbia to complete and sign a medical statement for meal accommodations and recommend alternate foods for children whose disability restricts their diet:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician's Assistant
- Osteopathic Physician
- Medicine and Surgery Physician
- Dentist

All questions should be sent to your designated Program Specialist.