

83076 Food Service

(a)

In addition to Section 80076, the following shall apply.

(b)

There shall always be fresh perishable and nonperishable food in the home in a quantity to meet the needs of the next three meals and the between meal snacks.

(c)

Food served to the child shall be healthy and of the same quality as that served to other family members, and meet any special dietary needs or practices, as documented in the needs and services plan for a child, as reported by the child, or as recommended by the physician of a child.

(d)

If the child is out of the home during a normal meal time, the licensee shall ensure that alternative arrangements are made for the child to receive a meal.

(e)

If the licensee has been informed, or has observed, that the child has an allergy to any food, the licensee shall not serve such food to the child.(1) If there is doubt about whether a child has an allergy, the licensee shall seek medical verification.

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(f)

Infants younger than seven months shall be held during bottle feeding.

(g)

Notwithstanding the requirement of Section 80076(a)(5) licensed small family homes shall not be required to prepare daily written menus.

(h)

The licensee shall invite a child to participate in all household meals.

(i)

The licensee may encourage a child, as age or developmentally appropriate, to learn meal preparation, but shall not require a child to prepare meals.