

Child Nutrition (CN) Label

Child Nutrition Labels (CN) needs to be submitted for processed products which contribute to the meat/meat alternate component of the meal pattern requirement unless already listed by Evergreen.

- When serving processed meats/ alternatives, ensure that the **Manufacturers name** is provided on the menu.
✓ Ex. **Tyson** (*manufacturer's name*) **Chicken Nugget** (*product*)
- When serving homemade foods, providers need to list **HM** on the menu. (Ex. **HM** meatball, **HM** hamburger patties, **HM** egg rolls, **HM** banana shake)

USDA Policy: Commercially prepared combination food products may be credited to the CACFP menu pattern only if the product's composition is known and documented by the manufacturer. Acceptable forms of documentation include the **Child Nutrition (CN) label** or a **Product Analysis Sheet (Food Specifications)**. (*CN labels and product analysis sheets are explained below.*)

☞ **Without documented proof of a product's composition, the food may not be credited to the CACFP menu pattern.** This is because the amounts of each menu component (meat, bread, vegetable, etc.) in the product are not specified by the manufacturer.

- ★ **What is a "Commercial Combination Food Product"?** A commercial combination food product is any store-bought food that combines two or more menu components in a single food item.

For example:

Combination Food Product	This Product Combines...
▪ Cheese & Sausage Pizza	Bread (crust) and Meat (cheese, sausage)
▪ Corn dogs	Bread (breading) and Meat (hot dog)
▪ Chicken Nuggets, Tenders	Bread (breading) and Meat (chicken)
▪ Beef Ravioli (frozen)	Bread(pasta) and Meat(beef filling)
▪ Vegetable Beef Stew	Vegetable (vegetables) and Meat (beef)
▪ Fish Sticks, Fillets	Bread (breading) and Meat (fish)

- ✓ These are just a few common examples of commercial combination foods. There are many more... beef/chicken patties, egg rolls, meatball, Lasagna, chicken/vegetable dumplings, meat or cheese and bean burritos, pepperoni, turkey bacon ...
- ★ A CN label on a product does not mean that the food provides an entire serving of a meal component. When using CN-labeled products, be sure to meet CACFP portion requirements.

Sample CN Logo



Important Reminder

Without a CN label or a product analysis sheet, a commercial combination food product may not be credited to the CACFP menu pattern. Supplementing such a product with additional food (meat/meat alternate, bread/bread alternate, or fruit/vegetable) makes no difference. The product is non-creditable.

Note: When serving homemade foods, providers need to ensure they list HM on the menu. It is mandatory that foods such as; hamburger patties, clam chowder, egg rolls, meatballs, etc. are listed HM. Otherwise, CN labels will be required. (ex. **HM** meatball, **HM** hamburger patties, **HM** clam chowder, **HM** egg rolls...)

Please note serving Mc Donald's, Pizza Hut, Dominos Pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken or any other **FAST FOODS** to children are **NOT REIMBURSABLE**.

Evergreen's Approved Processed Foods & Commercial Combination Food Products (Approved for Use in the Child and Adult Care Food Program):

- **Tyson** - Chicken Breast Fillets w/rib meat / Chicken Nuggets/ Fully Cooked Breaded Chicken Patties/ Lightly Breaded Chicken Breast Strips
- **Maxi (Yummy)** - Chicken Breast Rings/Alpha Buddies Chicken Breast Nuggets/ Dino Buddies Chicken Breast Nuggets
- **Fast Fixin'** – Chicken Breast Nuggets/Chicken Breast Strips/Dino Bites/Popcorn Chicken/Chicken Breast Patties/Beef Meat Balls/Steak Fingers
- **Pilgrim's** - Chicken Breast Nuggets
- **Fisher Boy (High Liner)** - Fish Sticks
- **Gorton's** - Fish Sticks
- **Trident** - The Ultimate Fish Sticks
- **State Fair** - Jumbo Corn Dogs/Turkey Corn Dogs
- **Foster Farm** - Corn Dogs / Chicken Breast Nuggets
- **Tampa Maid** - Popcorn Shrimp