



Request for Fluid Milk Substitution – Child Care

Child's Name: _____

Milk substitution request:

If your child cannot drink fluid cow's milk due to medical or other special dietary needs but **does not** have a diagnosed medical disability, you or the child care center may choose to provide one of the approved non-dairy milk substitutes or creditable milk substitutes below, based on your request.

Identify why your child needs a milk substitute: _____

At this time, only five brands of non-dairy milk substitutes available in Washington are nutritionally equivalent to and may be served in place of cow's milk:

- 8th Continent Soymilk (Original and Vanilla*)
- Great Value Original Soymilk
- Kirkland Organic Soymilk (Plain)
- Pacific Ultra Soy (Plain and Vanilla*)
- Silk Original Soymilk

***Effective October 1, 2017, flavored non-dairy beverages cannot be served to children 1 through 5 years of age. If serving flavored milk to children 6 years of age and older, it must be nonfat milk.**

Other milks that are creditable and may be served in place of fluid cow's milk are acidified milk, acidophilus milk, buttermilk (commercially prepared), goats milk, Kefir milk, lactose-free or reduced milk (such as Lactaid), and organic milk. **Note: Whole milk must be served to children 12 to 24 months and nonfat or 1% milk must be served to children 2 years of age or older.**

By completing the information below, your child can be served one of the approved non-dairy milk substitutes or other creditable milks noted above provided by the center (if the center chooses), or provided by you.

_____ I request my child be served the child care center provided approved non-dairy or creditable milk substitute as described above for meals that require milk.

_____ I will provide an approved non-dairy or creditable milk substitute to be served to my child as described above for meals that require milk:

(Name of approved non-dairy or creditable milk substitute)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____