

## **Special Diet Request for Meals**

Some children do not have a disability but are unable to consume the regular meal because of medical or other special dietary needs. A recognized medical authority may submit a form requesting special dietary substitutions in these cases. These children may have a medical condition but do not have a disability that threatens a major life activity. The local agency has the option whether or not to meet these requirements.

## **Special Diet Prescription for Meals**

Agencies are required to make substitutions in the planned menu for a child with a disability that is under the protection of 7 CRF Part 15B and show that the disability restricts their diet.

The prescription for a child with a disability that threatens a major life activity, thus requiring the local agency to provide an alternate meal or food, must:

- ✍ Specify the disability;
- ✍ State clearly that the disability threatens a major life activity;
- ✍ State clearly the major life activity that is threatened;
- ✍ Specify what foods are to be omitted or replaced;
- ✍ Specify how foods are to be prepared or manipulated in order to be consumed (such as "ground" or "pureed");
- ✍ Be signed by a physician who is licensed in South Dakota pursuant to SDCL 36-4.