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To ensure substitutions are appropriate and meet the nutritional needs of participants served please follow these general guidelines:

- Milk should be low-fat (1%) or fat-free, unflavored is recommended.
- Vegetable servings include fresh, frozen, canned, rehydrated, or pasteurized 100 percent full-strength vegetable juice.
- The sodium content of vegetables can be reduced by serving fresh, frozen or no added salt products.
- A serving of cooked vegetables must be drained.
- Serving a variety of colors of vegetables throughout the week increases the nutritional value of meals served.
- Fruit Juice must be 100% juice to count as a fruit serving.
- Canned fruit is recommended purchased in extra light syrup. Light syrup, water or juice are also acceptable.
- The choice of fruit served should be adjusted based on service delivery style.
 For home delivered meals whole fruits may be preferred over fruits such as apple slices.
- Grain substitutions should be Whole Grain Rich products (whole grains, enriched grains, bran, and germ).
- Low sugar cereals should be used.
- Low sodium, low fat meat choices are recommended.
- Salads should be made with dark green lettuce selections such as romaine, kale, spinach, and spring mix.
- Salad dressing should be reduced calorie.
- Substitutions should be similar cooking methods. For example, substituting chicken for beef in a BBQ recipe is an acceptable substitution. Substituting scalloped potatoes for rosemary potatoes is not an acceptable substitution because the scalloped potatoes are much higher in fat, calories, and sodium.





BREADS AND STARCHES:

1oz serving.

Please note meal pattern requires 2oz per meal to meet requirements.

WG= Whole Grain Rich

| Food Item | 1oz Serving |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Whole Wheat Bread | 1 slice |
| Rye Bread | 1 slice |
| Oatmeal Bread | 1 slice |
| Raisin Bread | 1 slice |
| Pumpernickel Bread | 1 slice |
| WG Bagel | ½ each |
| WG English Muffin | ½ each |
| WG Hot Dog Bun | ½ each |
| WG Hamburger Bun | ½ each |
| WG Pita 6 inch | 1 each |
| WG Tortilla 6 inch | 1 each |
| WG Roll, small | 1 each |
| WG Breadsticks | 1 each |
| Graham Crackers 2-1/2" square | 3 each |
| Animal Crackers | 8 each |
| WG soda crackers | 6 each |
| WG cooked cereal | ½ cup |
| WG cold cereal | 1 cup |
| WG granola | ½ cup |
| WG Biscuit 2 1/2 inch | 1 each |
| WG Muffin, small 1oz | 1 each |
| WG Pancake 4 inch | 2 each |
| WG Waffle, 4 ½ inch | 1 each |
| Cornbread 2 inch | 1 each |
| Granola Bar | 1 each |
| WG Cooked Pasta | ½ cup |
| WG Cooked Rice | ½ cup |





MEAT AND MEAT ALTERNATES:

Please note lunch meal pattern requires 3oz per meal.

Breakfast pattern requires 1oz per meal to meet requirements.

| Food Item | Serving Size |
|---|--------------|
| Round Steak | 3oz |
| Sirloin | 3oz |
| Flank Steak | 3oz |
| Beef Tenderloin | 3oz |
| Ground Beef (90 to 95% recommended) | 3oz |
| Chipped Beef | 3oz |
| Pork (tenderloin, roast, chops, cutlets) | 3oz |
| Ground Turkey | 3oz |
| Ground Chicken | 3oz |
| Fresh or Frozen Fish | 3oz |
| Tuna or Salmon (canned in water) | 3oz |
| Crab, Lobster, Scallops, Shrimp, Clams | 3oz |
| Cottage Cheese (reduced sodium recommended) | ½ cup |
| Reduced sodium turkey or chicken sausage | 3oz |
| Reduced sodium bacon or turkey bacon | 3oz |
| Chicken (baked, broiled, roasted without skin) | 3oz |
| Turkey (baked, broiled, roasted without skin) | 3oz |
| Reduced sodium lunchmeat | 3oz |
| Egg substitute | 3oz |
| Egg | 3 each |
| Mozzarella Cheese | 3oz |
| Liver (serve rarely due to high cholesterol item) | 3oz |
| Tofu | 4oz |
| Peanut Butter | 4 TBSP |





VEGETABLES

Standard Serving Size: ½ cup cooked ½ cup juice 1 cup raw

| Food Item | Good Source Vitamin A | Good Source Vitamin C |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Asparagus | | |
| Beans (green, wax, Italian) | | |
| Beats | | |
| Broccoli | X | X |
| Brussels Sprouts | | X |
| Cooked Cabbage | | |
| Carrots | X | |
| Cauliflower | | X |
| Egg Plant | | |
| Potatoes | | |
| Yams/Sweet Potatoes | X | |
| Pumpkin | X | X |
| Red Peppers | X | Χ |
| Collard Greens | X | |
| Mustard Greens | X | |
| Turnip Greens | X | X |
| Cooked Mushrooms | | |
| Okra | | |
| Onions | | |
| Pea Pods | | |
| Green Peppers | | X |
| Rutabaga | | |
| Spinach (1/2c cooked, 1c | X | X |
| raw) | | |
| Summer Squash | X | X |
| Tomato (One Large) | | X X |
| Reduced Sodium Tomato | | Χ |
| Juice | | |
| Turnip | | |
| Water Chestnuts | | |
| Zucchini (1/2c cooked, 1c | | |
| raw) | | |
| Raw Cabbage | | Χ |
| Celery | | |
| Cucumber | | |
| Dark Green Lettuce | X | Χ |
| (Romaine, field greens) | | |





FRUITS

Canned fruit is recommended to be purchased in juice, or extra light syrup.

Light syrup and water are also acceptable.

| Food Item- Fresh, Frozen or Canned | Serving Size | Good Source Vitamin A | Good Source Vitamin C |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Apple, Raw, 2-inch diameter | 1 each | | |
| Applesauce | ½ cup | | |
| Apricots, Raw, Medium | 4 each | Χ | |
| Apricots, Canned | ½ cup or 4 halves | Х | |
| Banana, 9 inches long | ½ each | | |
| Blackberries, Raw | 3/4 cup | | X |
| Blueberries, Raw | 3/4 cup | | |
| Cantaloupe, Cubes | 1 cup | Χ | X |
| Cherries, Large Raw | 12 each | | |
| Cherries, Canned | ½ cup | | |
| Fruit Cocktail, Canned | ½ cup | | |
| Grapefruit, Medium | ½ each | | X |
| Grapefruit, Canned | 3/4 cup | | X |
| Grapes, Small | 15 each | | |
| Honeydew Melon, Cubes | 1 cup | | X |
| Kiwi, Large | 1 each | | |
| Mandarin Oranges | ½ cup | | |
| Mango, Small | ½ each | Х | |
| Nectarine, 1 ½ inch | 1 each | | X |
| Orange, 2 ½ inch | 1 each | | X |
| Papaya | 1 cup | | X |
| Peaches, Raw | 1 each or ¾ cup | Χ | |
| Peaches, Canned | ½ cup or 2 halves | Х | |
| Pear, Raw, small | 1 each | | |
| Pear, Canned | ½ cup or 2 halves | | |
| Pineapple, Raw | 3/4 cup | | X |
| Pineapple, Canned | ½ cup | | Х |
| Plum, Raw 2 inch | 2 each | | |





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Fruit juice must be 100% juice to meet requirements.

| Food Item- Fresh, Frozen or Canned | Serving Size | Good Source Vitamin A | Good Source Vitamin C |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Raspberries, Raw | 1 cup | | X |
| Strawberries, Raw Whole | 1 cup | | Х |
| Tangerine, 2 ½ in | 2 each | | Х |
| Watermelon Cubes | 1 cup | | |
| Food Item- Juice | Serving Size | Good Source Vitamin A | Good Source Vitamin C |
| Apple Juice | ½ cup | | |
| Apple Cider | ½ cup | | |
| Cranberry Juice Cocktail | 1/3 cup | | |
| Grapefruit Juice | ½ cup | | Х |
| Grape Juice | 1/3 cup | | |
| Orange Juice | ½ cup | | Х |
| Pineapple Juice | ½ cup | | Х |
| Prune Juice | 1/3 cup | | |
| Food Item- Dried Fruit | Serving Size | Good Source Vitamin A | Good Source Vitamin C |
| Apple Rings | 4 each | | |
| Apricot, Halves | 7 each | | |
| Dates, Medium | 10 each | | |
| Figs | 10 each | | |
| Prunes, Medium | 3 each | | |
| Raisins | 2 TBSP | | |



