

Enable Grain Ounce Equivalents

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A grain ounce equivalent is the amount of food product considered to equal one ounce from the grain group. As of **October 1, 2021**, all food program participants must use grain ounce equivalents when serving Bread/Alt and Infant Cereal food items. This is to account for different levels of water content in different grains, which affects the amount of actual grain content in the food. For example, cooked pasta and rice has higher water content than crackers or bread. Ounce equivalents aims to ensure that the appropriate amounts of grains are served.

You can enable this requirement in your policies. Once you enable grains ounce equivalents, the following changes will be applied to Minute Menu CX and KidKare:

- You will be able to add grain ounce equivalent calculations to Bread/Alt and Infant Cereal food items on your food list. Each food that falls into these two meal components must have an equation on file. Error # will display on the Office Error report for claimed Bread/Alt and Infant Cereal foods that do not have an equation saved to the food list.
- All quantities for Bread/Alt and Infant Cereal food items will reference grain ounce equivalents when estimating required quantities, recording actual quantities and leftover quantities (if you do so), and when viewing reports such as the Menu Production Record, Weekly Quantities Required report, and the Infant Feeding report. Claims processing will also reference the new ounce equivalent serving requirements as outlined by the USDA.

To enable the grains ounce equivalents requirement:

1. Click the **Administration** menu and select **Manage Policies**. The Manage Policies window opens.
2. Set policy **M.17 Use Ounce Equivalents for Bread/Alt & Infant Cereal Foods** to **Y**. If you do not require centers to report actual quantities served, go to **Step 4**. If you do, continue to **Step 3**.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Manage Policies" with a table of policies. The table has three columns: "Policy Description", "Policy Value", and "State Code". The policy "17. Use Ounce Equivalents for Bread/Alt & Infant Cereal Foods" is highlighted, and its value is set to "Y" and the state code is "All". Below the table, there is a warning message and three buttons: "Export", "Save", and "Close".

Policy Description	Policy Value	State Code
17. Use Ounce Equivalents for Bread/Alt & Infant Cereal Foods	Y	All

Use this function to configure the rules used by Minute Menu that govern certain claims processing behavior and other features in the Minute Menu system.
WARNING: be careful! Choosing preferences improperly can cause Minute Menu to malfunction - which may result in the loss of data and/or improper provider claim payments. Edit these settings with extreme caution. If you have any questions about the impact of a preference change, we recommend you contact Minute Menu support before making the change.

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3. If policy **M.01** is set to **Yes** to require actual quantities, you can specify how your centers record ounce equivalents. Policy **M.01g How do you Want to Handle Recoding Bread/Grain & Infant Cereal Food Components** is set to **Y** by default to use the calculation saved to your food list when recording quantities. Set this policy to **N** to require your sites to record bread/grain quantities in ounce equivalents only.

Policy Description	Policy Value	State Code
01g. How do you want to handle recording bread/grain & infant cereal food components?		
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	AK
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	AL
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	AR
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	AZ
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	CA
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	CO
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	CT
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	DC
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	FL
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	GA
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	IA
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	ID
Select Y to allow centers to record actual quantities served in familiar units and use the calculation from your f...	Y	IL

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- If this policy is set to **Y**, your centers will record quantities in a common unit of measurement that is then calculated to ounce equivalents:

Select Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Meal: Breakfast

Non - Infant Foods

Bread / Alt: Bagel Qty: 6 Servings (serv): ▼

☐ Is this whole grain-rich? 12.00 oz eq

Meat / Alt: Cottage Cheese ▼

Veg: ▼

Fruit: Mandarin Oranges ▼

Milk: Whole Milk ▼

Milk: 1% / Skim Milk ▼

Milk: Substitute Milk ▼

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Enter Actual Quantities Served

Meat/Alternate	Cottage Cheese	20	ounces (oz) ▼
Bread/Alternate	Bagel	6	Servings (ser) ▼
Fruit	Bananas	4	cups (c) ▼
Milk	1% / Skim Milk	16	cups (c) ▼
Milk	Whole Milk	0	cups (c) ▼
Milk	Substitute Milk	0	cups (c) ▼

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- If this policy is set to **N**, your centers will record quantities in ounce equivalents only.

Record Actuals

Select Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Meal: Breakfast

Non - Infant Foods

Bread / Alt	Bagel	Qty	12.00	ounce eq. ▼
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☐ Is this whole grain-rich?

Meat / Alt	Cottage Cheese			▼
Veg				▼
Fruit	Mandarin Oranges			▼
Milk	Whole Milk			▼
Milk	1% / Skim Milk			▼
Milk	Substitute Milk			▼

Delete Save Close

Enter Actual Quantities Served

Meat/Alternate	Cottage Cheese	0	ounces (oz) ▼
Bread/Alternate	Bagel	0	ounce eq. ▼
Fruit	Bananas	0	cups (c) ▼
Milk	1% / Skim Milk	0	cups (c) ▼
Milk	Whole Milk	0	cups (c) ▼
Milk	Substitute Milk	0	cups (c) ▼

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4. Click **Save**.