

AzNN Exception Guidance for Recipe and Nutrient Standards for Food Pantries, Commodities, and Emergency Food Programs

1. Recipes used for food pantries, commodities, and emergency food programs should meet AzNN Recipe Nutrient Standards¹ when possible.

 2. A. Contractors are allowed to use recipes from alternate sources that do not meet the AzNN Recipe Nutrient Standards only when providing recipes intended to accompany the specific and limited food items provided by food pantries, commodities, and emergency food programs.

B. Reputable sources², such as USDA materials, are the preferred resources for alternate recipes to complement these programs. Such resources include, but are not limited to:
 - Choose MyPlate www.choosemyplate.gov
 - SNAP-Ed Connection www.nal.usda.gov/nal_display
 - USDA Household Material Fact Sheets www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs
C. Ongoing analyses and modifications of alternate recipes falling under this exception guidance should be made to reflect the most current food items being provided by food pantries, commodities, or emergency food programs.
3. Contact your ADHS AzNN team for assistance if further guidance on this exception is needed.

¹See Recipe Nutrient Standards in Chapter Two Section VII of the AzNN Policies and Procedures Manual

²See more examples of reputable sources in Chapter Two Section IV of the AzNN Policies and Procedures Manual

