

187: Whole Grain-Rich Component not Served on Day

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This error is generated if non-infant meals include a bread/grain component, but none of the recorded bread/grains were marked as whole grain-rich. It warns or disallows the affected meals. This edit check does not apply to infant meals.

The following scenarios explain when this error is generated:

- If only one meal was served in a day and the meal did not include a grain, the error will *not* be generated.
 - **Example:** The only meal served in a day was a snack of apples and milk. The snack did not include the grain component. The whole meal is reimbursable and this error is not generated.
- If only one meal was served in a day and the meal *did* include a grain, but the grain was not marked as whole grain-rich, so this error is generated.
 - **Example:** A PM Snack is the only meal served. It consists of apples and crackers. The crackers were not marked whole grain-rich, so this error is generated.
- If multiple meals were served, and the meals did not include a bread/grain, the meal with the lowest reimbursement that contained the grain component will be disallowed.
 - **Example 1:** Breakfast, Lunch, and PM Snack are served. Breakfast and Lunch had a grain component, but neither were marked as whole grain-rich. In this case, Breakfast is disallowed. This is because the PM Snack did not have a grain component, and Breakfast has a lower reimbursement rate than lunch.

- **Example 2:** Breakfast, Lunch, and PM Snack are served. Lunch was the only meal that included a grain component, and it was not marked as whole grain-rich. Also, the provider served a meat/alternate at breakfast that day. Therefore, Lunch is the only meal that included the grain component (not marked whole grain-rich), so it is disallowed.
 - The whole grain-rich edit check runs after all other edit checks, so if a meal that included a grain was already disallowed for another reason, one of the remaining meals that contained the grain component is disallowed.
 - **Example:** Breakfast, Lunch, and PM Snack are served. The grain component is served at all three meals, but none are marked whole grain-rich. PM Snack was disallowed for an unrelated reason. The processor then disallows the next available meal that contained a grain component. In this case, that meal is Breakfast.
 - If the meal that was marked as whole grain-rich was disallowed for another reason, the whole grain-rich food satisfies the requirement, and another meal would *not* be disallowed.
 - **Example:** Breakfast, Lunch, and PM Snack are served. A whole grain-rich food was served at PM Snack, but it was disallowed for an unrelated reason. The whole grain-rich food served at PM Snack still satisfies the requirement. Therefore, there are no additional disallowances.
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