## HCG Program – Approved Foods List

## 500 Calorie Protocol Foods List:

LEAN PROTEIN	VEGETABLES	FRUITS	<b>CARBOHYDRATES</b>
<ul> <li>Allowed 2 servings per day</li> <li>1 serving = 3.5 oz.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allowed 2 servings per day</li> <li>1 serving = 6 oz.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allowed 2 servings per</li> <li>day</li> <li>See serving sizes below</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allowed 2 servings per</li> <li>day</li> <li>1 serving = 3 pieces</li> </ul>
- 'Palm-sized' portions	- 'Handful-sized' portions		
Approved Proteins:	Approved Vegetables:	Approved Fruits:	Approved Carbohydrates:
- Chicken breast	- Green leaf salad	- Apple	
- Fillet mignon	- Tomato	(1 = 1 serving)	- Ak-Mak Wheat Cracker
- Lean ground beef (93%	- Cabbage	- Grapefruit	
lean)	- Brussel sprouts	(1/2 = 1 serving)	- Melba Toast, Classic or
- White fish	- Asparagus	- Strawberries	Sea Salt (rye or wheat)
(Tilapia, Halibut, Cod)	- Onion	(6 = 1 serving)	
- Canned tuna	- Cucumber	- Papaya	
(Packed in water only)	- Broccoli	(1/2 cup = 1 serving)	
- Crab meat	- Celery	- Honeydew	
- Shrimp	- Zucchini	(1/3 cup = 1 serving)	
- Lobster		- Orange / Tangerine	
- Lean wild game (Venison)		(1 = 1 serving) - Apricot (not dried)	
(venison)		(1 = 1  serving)	
		- Cantaloupe	
		(1/2  cup = 1  serving)	
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- Allowed unlimited seasoning spices (salt, pepper, cumin, basil, garlic, lemon juice, ginger, vanilla extract, cinnamon, apple cider vinegar, etc.)

- Allowed unlimited cooking broth (chicken or vegetable)

- Allowed unlimited Tea/ Coffee (without sugar or dairy/non-dairy milk product)
- Allowed unlimited water

- Allowed daily multi-vitamin and other prescription medications

## You may substitute a protein portion with:

- 1 whole egg + 3 egg whites
- 3.5 oz. of fat-free cottage cheese
- 3.5 oz. of fat-free Greek yogurt

If no weight loss occurs while consuming these alternative proteins, remove them from your diet

## **Reminders:**

- Weigh all servings RAW
- Cook all food without additional oil or fat
- Consume only 1 vegetable and 1 protein at each meal (ex: do not mix two vegetables together for a salad)
- Be mindful of adding too much salt with your seasonings
- Stevia sweetener is allowed (do not consume any other sweetening ingredients)
- Pam cooking spray is allowed (use lightly)
- Psyllium fiber (unsweetened) is allowed with water to prevent constipation
- Smoked fish are not allowed
- All visible fat or skin must be removed from protein before cooking