

## NUMBERED MEMORANDUM 19-006

**TO:** Program Coordinators, Program/Site Nutritionists, and Nutrition Staff

**FROM:** Marjorie Chambers  
State WIC Director

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**SUBJECT:** Infant Formula Updates

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Based on communication from Abbott Nutrition Products on December 7, 2018, it was announced that the 32 fl. oz. Similac for Spit-Up Ready to Feed Infant Formula with Iron is being discontinued. The company's reason for this action is due to a limited customer demand and retail distribution. This product is going to be available at the retailer's stores until the supply last. As retailer's inventories are depleted for this product, they will not be replenished.



**DISCONTINUED** - 32 fl. oz. Similac for Spit-Up Ready to Feed

The only viable alternative for the Connecticut WIC Program is Similac Spit-Up 12.0 oz. Powder. In some cases the powdered form of Similac for Spit-Up might not be tolerated for some infants and the Health Care Provider should be contacted to determine an alternate formula.



**STILL AVAILABLE** – 12.0 oz. Similac for Spit-Up Powder

The other option is Similac for Spit-Up 2 fl. oz. bottles (case of 48), which is not in the Approved Product Listing (APL) for Connecticut. If the infant is covered by Husky Health Insurance/Medicaid, the Health Care Provider can issue a prescription for Similac Spit-Up 2 fl. oz. bottles (case of 48). In this case, the formula will be paid by the Health Insurance and not by the WIC Program.

While conducting an investigation on the issuance across Connecticut, it was found that the 32 fl. oz Similac for Spit-Up Ready to Feed was issued to only one participant in November 2018. The local WIC agency involved has been notified about this issue.

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