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## Dear Clinician:

We are notifying you that the Connecticut WIC Program (WIC) in collaboration with the Connecticut Medicaid Program (HUSKY) have implemented the 2014 Federal regulation 7 CFR 246.10(e)(3)(vi) that requires Medicaid (HUSKY) to be the primary payor of exempt/special/prescription infant formula and medical foods for patients dually enrolled in WIC and Medicaid (HUSKY) programs. Please see HUSKY Provider Bulletin 2021-99 for more information. We have revised the WIC Medical Documentation Form(s) for WIC Approved Special Formulas and Foods to reflect this change. To ease the transition and reduce burden on patients and clinicians, this change is for NEW or renewing prescriptions. We will not require dually enrolled patients with existing valid WIC prescriptions to change how they receive their special/exempt formula(s).

Please be aware that dually enrolled WIC and Medicaid participants will continue to receive all other WIC services including nutrition and breastfeeding counseling and education, health and social service referrals, and a food package that is appropriate for their nutrition and medical needs. Thus, all eligible participants should continue to be <u>referred to WIC</u>.

For patients dually enrolled in WIC and Medicaid (HUSKY), clinicians will now be required to write a HUSKY prescription for the special/exempt formula. The prescription should state the name of the formula, recommended quantity per day (i.e., amount required for adequate growth), and include refills up to 12 months. The ICD-10 code must be documented, and the prescription must be signed and dated by the prescriber and sent to the pharmacy or provided to the patient, whichever is more convenient for both clinician and patient. To ensure continuity of care and that participants are tolerating the exempt/special formula, WIC will also require a completed WIC Medical Documentation Form for dually enrolled participants. Please visit the CT-WIC webpage, Formula Resource section for more information and forms.

For patients who are NOT dually enrolled in WIC and Medicaid (HUSKY) and who require exempt/special formula due to a medical condition, WIC will continue to provide coverage solely with a completed WIC Medical Documentation Form.



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If you have questions about the new process for exempt/special formula, please contact members of my staff at, <u>Amanda.Moore@ct,gov</u>, <u>Marilyn.Lonczak@ct.gov</u>, or me at, <u>Marcia.Pessolano@ct.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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