



NUMBERED MEMORANDUM 17-002

- TO: Program Coordinators Program Nutritionist Nutritionist
- FROM: Marjorie Chambers State WIC Director
- DATE: October 7th, 2016

SUBJECT: Changes to CT WIC program Formulary for Infant Formula and WIC eligible medical foods

This memorandum serves as a reminder and details pertinent changes to the Connecticut WIC formulary, including additions to WIC Special Formulas for the following manufacturers: Abbott Nutrition Co., Mead Johnson Nutrition Co., and Nutricia Advance Medical Nutrition Co.

Pediatric Medical Nutritionals

Abbott Nutrition Co. discontinued Similac Go & Grow Soy.

Nutricia Advance Medical Nutrition Co. Connecticut WIC added to its approved listing *Neocate Junior with Prebiotics*, a nutritionally complete, powdered amino acid-based medical food with prebiotic fiber for children over the age of 1. Please note that *Neocate Junior* continues to be also available in CT WIC approved listing.

Reminders

As of October 1st, the following Mead Johnson Company contract infant formula has been removed from the CT approved listing:

- Enfamil Infant (Powder, Concentrate and Ready to feed)
- *Enfamil Prosobee* (Powder, Concentrate and Ready to feed)
- *Enfamil Gentlease* (Powder and Ready to feed)
- *Enfamil AR* (Powder and Ready to feed)

Mead Johnson Company infant formula issued in September and prior months will continue to be redeemed in stores only until October 29th, 2016.

Local agencies are advised to run a 'formula usage' report to make sure Mead Johnson products has not been issued with benefit start date (BSD) in October (In the Clinic Module,

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go to Reports, in the drop down list choose Certification and then choose CERT 17.21-Formula Usage).

As of October 1st, 2016, the following Abbott Nutrition Company contract/rebate infant formulas are on the Connecticut approved listing for issuance:

- *Similac Advance* (Powder, Concentrate, and RTF) (20 Calories/ounce)
- Similac Soy Isomil (Powder, Concentrate, and RTF) (20 Calories/ounce)
- Similac Sensitive (Powder and RTF) (19 Calories/ounce)
- *Similac for Spit Up* (Powder and RTF) (19 Calories/ounce)
- *Similac Total Comfort* (Powder) (19 Calories/ounce)

Per Federal Regulations, Abbott's Contract/Rebate infant formulas with 19 Calories/ounce, requires medical documentation on participant file prior to issuance.

- *Similac Sensitive, Similac Total Comfort*, requires that the qualified medical provider completes the WIC Medical Documentation Form and check the box to acknowledge prescribing a 19 Calories/ounce formula.
- *Similac for Spit Up* will require on the part of the qualified medical provider an acknowledgement prescribing a 19 Calories/ounce formula AND a qualifying medical condition (ICD-10 code) such as Gastrointestinal Reflux.

The non-contract nutrition infant formula and medical food continues to be available for Food Package III with medical documentation and appropriate ICD 10 codes.

Local agency nutrition staff can go to the CT WIC website <u>"Approved Contract and</u> <u>Specialized Formulas Medical Food Listing</u>" for UPC's numbers when needed:

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/wic_2016/approved_contract_and_specialized_formulasmedical_food_listing_09.02.2016.pdf

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