



NUMBERED MEMORANDUM 16-022

TO: Program Coordinators
Program/Site Nutritionists

FROM: Marjorie Chambers
State WIC Director

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SUBJECT: October 1, 2016 Contract Formula Transition Notification

This memorandum transmits urgent information on the pending contract formula transition for Connecticut WIC. Effective, October 1, 2016, the new WIC standard contract formulas are Abbott Laboratories: *Similac[®] Advance[®]* or *Similac[®] Isomil[®] Soy*.

Due to NEATO contract obligations, on or after October 1, 2016, *Mead Johnson[®] Enfamil* products can no longer be issued. This means that participants with contract formula food packages with effective dates on or after October 1, 2016, (the October issuance month) will be issued the new contract formula from Abbott Laboratories for standard infant formulas: *Similac[®] Advance[®]* or *Similac[®] Isomil[®] Soy*.

In addition, effective October 1, 2016, two (2) additional formulas will be available for participants *Similac[®] Sensitive[®]* (powder and liquid concentrate) and *Similac[®] Total Comfort[®]* (powder only). Both of these products are 19 calories/fluid ounce at standard dilution and according to USDA regulations will require a WIC Medical Documentation Form with qualifying medical condition for issuance.

Effective October 1, 2016, *Enfamil[®] Gentlease[®]* is no longer a WIC-approved formula and will not be available for issuance with or without a Medical Documentation Form. After October 1, 2016, participants with existing *Enfamil[®] Gentlease[®]* prescriptions will need to be transitioned to the current contract formula *Similac[®] Advance[®]* or, with medical documentation and qualifying condition the other 2 available WIC formulas described above.

Two training webinars are scheduled for July 7th at 12:30 to 1:30pm and July 8th 2:00-3:00pm. We are requesting that at a minimum, both the Program and Site Nutritionist are available for the planned webinar/conference call training. More details about the webinar will be communicated by June 28th. Staff and participant education materials, handouts and

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Q & A documents will be shared on the webinar. We are hoping to have this webinar recorded as well, to assist with ongoing staff training.

Please contact your local agency liaison directly or Luz Hago at 860-509-7662 or Luz.Hago@ct.gov with questions.