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VENDOR ALERT 2022 – 11

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS
 SUBJECT: FORMULA UPDATES TO VENDORS

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is providing all authorized vendors with updated information regarding the temporary expanded formula options and reminders pertaining to WIC infant formula requirements.

Background As stated in previous [Vendor Alerts](#) 2022-03, 2022-05, 2022-06 and 2022-08, CDPH/WIC transitioned the milk-based infant formula contract to Abbott on August 1, whereas the soy-based infant formula contract remains with Mead Johnson. Additionally, temporary expanded formula options were added to the Authorized Product List (APL) and made available for purchase by WIC Families to address the infant formula shortage.

Formula Updates **Expanded formula options extended until 12/31/22**
 The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Abbott, and Mead Johnson have agreed to allow WIC Families to purchase the temporary expanded formula options when they cannot find their regular WIC formula until December 31, 2022. Starting January 1, 2023, the temporary expanded formula options will be removed from the APL, and WIC Families will only be allowed to purchase the WIC infant formula that is shown in their benefits.

Similac for Spit-Up 12.5 oz discontinued

Abbott has announced that Similac for Spit-Up which was originally part of the milk-based WIC infant formula contract will no longer be produced indefinitely, therefore, is no longer available for purchase in the marketplace.



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Similac Total Comfort 12.6 oz now available

Abbott informed CDPH/WIC that they have begun shipping Similac Total Comfort 12.6 oz powder formula products to a number of WIC authorized retailers and distributors across the country. CDPH/WIC has already added this product to its APL.

WIC Contract Formulas

The following formulas are now part of the milk-based formula contract with Abbott (Similac) or the soy-based formula contract with Mead Johnson (Enfamil):

- Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder (UPC: 070074559582)
- Similac Advance 13 fl oz concentrate (UPC: 070074569741)
- Similac Sensitive 12.5 oz powder (UPC: 070074575414)
- Similac Total Comfort 12.6 oz powder (UPC: 070074626000)
- Enfamil ProSobee 12.9 oz powder (UPC: 300871214415)
- Enfamil ProSobee 13 fl oz concentrate (UPC: 300871195417)

Minimum Stocking Requirements for Infant Formula

All vendors are required to meet the [Minimum Stocking Requirements](#). Vendors are required to stock at least twenty cans of **Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder**. Of the twenty required cans of infant formula, at least ten cans must be on the store shelves with no less than ten cans in storage on the premises.

Actions for Vendors

Please contact CDPH/WIC at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov if you are experiencing ordering issues with Abbott or Mead Johnson.

Per the CDPH/WIC Vendor Agreement, vendors must retrieve the WIC APL file each day and download the most current version of the APL to their store's POS system.

- Stores with Integrated Point of Sale (POS) Cash Register Systems should work with their corporate office, IT Department, or POS Equipment Provider to verify that they have the most current APL file.
- Stores with FIS Stand-Beside POS terminals must leave their POS terminals powered-on overnight to receive the most current APL file automatically. For assistance with FIS Stand-Beside POS terminals, contact the FIS Merchant Help Desk at (833) 257-2165.

Failure to update the APL may result in WIC purchases being declined in error.

Questions

For additional questions you may also contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867 or contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at mailto:WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.



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