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VENDOR ALERT 2022 – 06

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: 100+ NEW FORMULA OPTIONS ADDED TO THE CALIFORNIA WIC AUTHORIZED PRODUCT LIST (APL)

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is reminding all authorized vendors that the APL continues to be expanded to temporarily include additional types and container sizes of infant formula options for CDPH/WIC participants. The APL is an electronic file of all foods authorized to be purchased using the California WIC Card.

Background On February 13, 2022, Abbott announced that it is voluntarily recalling infant formula produced at its Sturgis, Michigan facility. This recall continues to affect the availability of some formulas issued and redeemed by WIC participants in California. For additional information, please visit Abbott’s Recall Information Site: www.similacrecall.com

Action for Vendors Vendors must retrieve the APL file each day, and download the most current version of the APL to their store’s POS system.

Stores with Integrated POS Cash Register Systems should ask their corporate office, IT Department, or POS Equipment Provider to verify that they have the most current APL file.

Stores with WIC Stand-Beside POS terminals must leave their POS terminals powered-on overnight to receive the APL file automatically.

Vendors must ensure all necessary employees are immediately notified of this temporary expansion to the APL. To see the infant formula options added to the APL, please follow the links below:

1. [Powder Formulas](#)
2. [12.5 oz Enfamil Infant Powder Formula](#)
3. [12.4 oz Gentlease Powder Formula](#)
4. [12.4 oz Enfamil Reguline Powder Formula](#)
5. [12.9 oz Enfamil A.R. Powder Formula](#)



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6. [12.9 oz Enfamil ProSobee Powder Formula](#)
 7. [13 oz Enfamil Infant Concentrate Formula](#)
 8. [13 oz Enfamil ProSobee Concentrate Formula](#)
 9. [Ready to Feed Formula](#)
 10. [Ready to Feed Soy Formula](#)
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Authority

Federal regulations (7 C.F.R. §246.2 “EBT Capable”) require, that a WIC vendor system maintains the APL and matches scanned food items’ UPC or PLU on the state’s APL. The California WIC Vendor Agreement states in Article III 2.(g)(1), that *the vendor’s point of sale system must retrieve the APL on each day that Vendor processes WIC EBT transactions, excluding official holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.*

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 WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.



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