



**MEMORANDUM**

**ACTION MEMO # 15-12**

**To:** District Nutrition Services Directors

**From:** Angela Hammond-Damon, IBCLC   
Deputy Director, Operations & Nutrition Services  
Georgia WIC Program

**Date:** September 25, 2015

**Re:** Food Package Database Updates: USDA Cash Value Voucher Increase, Manufacturer Updates and Receipt of Revised Manual Vouchers

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations required an increase in the monthly fruit and vegetable Cash Value Voucher (CVV) for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women. In addition the state is making updates to food packages based on manufacturer modifications. Due to these changes, clinics will receive new manual vouchers.

In addition, USDA provided states with clarifying information that all participants less than one year of age must receive an infant's package. This database change includes an initial step to comply with this guidance.

The updates will be effective September 28, 2015. A summary of the changes are listed below.

**A. Food Package Database Update**

The monthly produce cash value voucher for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women was increased by \$1.00 and the exclusively breastfeeding CVV increased by \$1.50.

Summary of CVV Increases:

1. Pregnant, Post-Partum, and Breastfeeding Women food packages (W01-W53)
  - The cash value voucher will increase from \$10 to \$11 per month.
  - The \$11 cash value voucher was divided into 2 vouchers per month.
    - Voucher code P06- \$5 produce
    - Voucher code P03- \$6 produce
2. Exclusively Breastfeeding Multiples food packages (W61-W71)
  - The cash value voucher for women who are exclusively breastfeeding multiples will increase from \$15 to \$16.50 per month. The amount will alternate every other month: \$17 for package A and \$16 dollars for package B.
  - Package A:
    - Voucher code P01- \$8 produce
    - Voucher code P08- \$9 produce



- Package B:
  - Voucher code P01- \$8 produce
  - Voucher code P01- \$8 produce

**B. Manufacturing Food Package Changes:**

1. Removed food packages for Gerber Good Start Nourish (CPA FPC R07 and S07) from the food package database due to manufacture discontinuing product.
2. Gerber is no longer manufacturing 7 oz twin pack infant foods. The food package database was updated to remove the statement “8-7oz twin packs”. Revised voucher wording listed below.

Old Voucher Wording:	New Voucher Wording:
14-4 oz OR 8-7 oz (twin pack) OR 7-8 oz (twin pack) containers baby food fruit and/or vegetable (Stage 2 or 2nd foods)	14-4 oz OR 7-8 oz (twin pack) containers baby food fruit and/or vegetable (Stage 2, or 2nd foods)

3. All vouchers for “Nutramigen 2 Toddler” will now say “Nutramigen with Enflora LGG Toddler”. Revised voucher wording listed below.

Old Voucher Wording:	New Voucher Wording:
1-12.6 oz. container powder Nutramigen 2 Toddler	1-12.6 oz. container powder Nutramigen with Enflora LGG Toddler

**C. Revised Manual Vouchers**

Clinics will receive new manual vouchers for the following food packages: W08, W28, W41, D17, and new blank manual vouchers. See “Action Steps” below for related activities.

**D. 11 Month Infant Food Package Issuance Update**

Food package database files are being updated to include an age group cutoff of 12 months for all infant packages. Previously this change was made at 11 months 16 days. Hence, infants initially certified at greater than (>) six month of age will receive their first child food package on or after their first birthday. Additional programming changes will be made in the upcoming year to fully implement this process.

**Action Steps:**

Send confirmation of the following to the State WIC Office by **October 30, 2015**:

**Food Package Database Updates:**

- A. Date all district WIC staff were trained on the Cash Value Voucher increase including
  - o The alternating month food packages
  - o The division of the CVV into two vouchers
- B. Verification that district 999 food packages were updated with the new Cash Value Voucher codes.
- C. Verification that staff were trained on manufacturer changes.
- D. Verification that district 999 food packages are updated to include the revised:
  - o Cash value vouchers
  - o Infant Food Voucher message
  - o Wording for Nutramigen with Enflora LGG Toddler

**Receipt of Manual Vouchers:**

- A. Complete a manual voucher inventory of **All** existing manual vouchers and submit a copy to the state office.
- B. Submit a copy of the manual inventory logs for all newly received manual vouchers.
  - o W08, W28, W41, D17, and blank manual vouchers
- C. Complete and submit a Lost Stolen Destroyed Voucher Report for all destroyed vouchers.
- D. Destroy all old W08, W28, W41, D17, and blank manual vouchers on hand.  
**Note: Not all manual vouchers are being replaced. Only destroy the vouchers listed above.**
- E. Submit a copy of the voucher packing list verifying receipt of the new vouchers.

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