

February 28, 2023, USDA Waiver Expirations Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What USDA Waiver Flexibilities expire February 28, 2023?

- Medical Documentation for Food Packages I & II – Infant Formulas
 - Includes all non-contract and store brand formulas.
 - Georgia WIC expiring temporary approval for 47 non-contract and store brand types for a total of 88 different container sizes.
- Imported Infant Formula under FDA’s Infant Formula Enforcement Discretion
Georgia WIC expiring temporary approval of two (2) imported formulas:
 - Bubs Supreme Infant Formula (Stage 1 and 2)
 - Kendamil First Infant Milk

2. What does discontinuation of non-contract, store-brand and international formulas mean for WIC participants?

As of March 1, 2023, participants issued the broadband “Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd” food benefit will only be able to purchase contract formulas. Participants continue to have access to the temporary approved Enfamil NeuroPro brand and non-standard WIC can sizes.

3. Is a food package change required for participants already issued the broadband “Any Approved Milk-based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd” food benefit?

If the assigned food prescription is the “Any Approved Milk-based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd”, the Local Agency does not need to complete a food package change based on the flexibilities expiring February 28, 2023.

The Local Agency will need to educate the participants on the allowed formulas to purchase beginning March 1, 2023. The State WIC Office (SWO) is deactivating the Universal Product Codes (UPCs) associated with the non-contract and international standard infant formulas. These UPCs will no longer appear on the Authorized Product List (APL) and will decline in-lane as of March 1, 2023.

4. What formulas will be included in the broadband “Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd” food benefit beginning March 1, 2023?

Effective March 1, 2023, only the formulas listed below will be included in the broadband “Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd” food benefit:

Contract Formulas Available beginning March 1, 2023, under the broadband “Any Approved Milk-based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd”			
Formula Name	Can Size	Formula Name	Can Size
Enfamil A.R.	12.9 oz	Enfamil Infant	12.5 oz
	30.4 oz*		29.4 oz*
Enfamil Gentlease	12.4 oz	Enfamil ProSobee	12.9 oz
	27.7 oz*		20.9 oz*
Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease*	27.4 oz*	Enfamil NeuroPro Infant*	28.3 oz*
	30.4 oz*		31.4 oz*

*Temporary approved contract formulas and container sizes

5. How should the local agency identify participants on the broadband “*Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd*” food benefit to notify them of the change in available formulas?

In the Clinic Module of “GA-WIC”, located under the Certification section of Reports, select “CERT 17.21 Formula Usage”. This report displays participants who are assigned formulas and nutritionals including the broadband “*Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd*” food benefit.

All families should be contacted and updated on the change in available formulas through the broadband “*Any Approved Milk-Based or Soy Infant Formula Pwd*” food benefit.

6. Will the state provide a brief statement for Local Agencies to support education around the discontinuation of temporarily approved non-contract, store-brand, and international formulas?

The following statement can be used by local agencies to support education efforts for the USDA waiver flexibilities expiring February 28, 2023.

Effective March 1, 2023, Georgia WIC temporarily approved non-contract, store-brand, and international formulas will no longer be eligible for issuance and redemption. However, participants may continue to access the temporary approved non-standard WIC can sizes and expanded line of contract formulas. For more information, contact your local WIC clinic.

7. How will the USDA wavier flexibilities expiring February 28, 2023, affect the broadband “*Any Approved Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder*” food benefit?

The February 28 USDA waiver expiration will not affect the broadband “*Any Approved Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder*” food benefit. More information to be provided at a later date.