

ACTION MEMO #16-27

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Nutrition Services Directors

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RE: Food Package Database Updates - August 2016

This memorandum provides a summary of the food package database updates effective Monday, August 15, 2016.

A. Similac Expert Care Food Package Transition

The GA WIC Similac Expert Care Alimentum and Similac Expert Care NeoSure food package transition is now complete. All vouchers for the Similac Expert Care products are being discontinued. Food packages will only include vouchers for the new Similac products that have the words "Expert Care" removed.

1. Similac Alimentum

The Similac Expert Care Alimentum vouchers containing messaging for the 16 oz. can of powder and the Similac Alimentum transition voucher codes with messaging for both the 16 oz. and 12.1 oz. cans of powder will be discontinued. The Similac Alimentum powder food packages will now only include vouchers for the 12.1 oz. can. All vouchers for the ready-to-feed formulations will have the Similac Expert Care Alimentum option removed.

Old Voucher Messages	New Voucher Message
SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-1 qt. (32 oz.) containers ready to feed Similac Expert Care Alimentum OR Similac Alimentum	SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-1 qt. (32 oz.) containers ready to feed Similac Alimentum



Update Summary		
Product/Voucher	Voucher Codes	Action
Similac Expert Care Alimentum 16 oz. can powder	358, 360, S01	Discontinued
Similac Alimentum ready-to-feed (all sizes)	130, 150, 359, A69, N05	Similac Expert Care Alimentum removed
Similac Alimentum 12.1 oz. can powder	L13, L14, L15, L16	Added to state created food packages.
Similac Alimentum 12.1 oz./Expert Care Alimentum 16 oz. powder	S73, S93, S98	Discontinued

2. Similac NeoSure

All Similac NeoSure vouchers will have the Similac Expert Care NeoSure option removed.

Old Voucher Messages	New Voucher Message
SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-13.1 oz. cans powder Similac Expert Care NeoSure OR Similac NeoSure	SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-13.1 oz. cans powder Similac NeoSure

B. Gerber Good Start Concentrate

An error identified in the Gerber Good Start Gentle and Gerber Good Start Soy concentrate some breastfeeding food packages has been corrected. Previous issuance amounts in these food packages were equal to that of the fully formula feeding packages. New voucher codes (G60 and G61) have been created to reduce the issuance amount of these packages from 28 to 20 containers of concentrate formula.

Product	Food Package	Voucher Codes	Voucher Message
Gerber® Good Start® Gentle concentrate	P18 (I18)	G60	FORMULA: 10-12.1 oz. containers concentrate Gerber Good Start Gentle
		G60	FORMULA: 10-12.1 oz. containers concentrate Gerber Good Start Gentle
Gerber® Good Start® Soy concentrate	P28 (I28)	G61	FORMULA: 10-12.1 oz. containers concentrate Gerber Good Start Soy
		G61	FORMULA: 10-12.1 oz. containers concentrate Gerber Good Start Soy

C. Elecare Junior

1. New Child Maximum Food Package

An Elecare Junior food package has been created for the maximum monthly issuance for children. Districts will no longer need to create a 999 food package to issue the maximum allowed 14 cans of Elecare Junior.

Food Package	Voucher Code	Voucher Message
X17	533	SPECIAL FORMULA: 3-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr (Vanilla/Unflavored)
	534	SPECIAL FORMULA: 4-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr (Vanilla/Unflavored)
	533	SPECIAL FORMULA: 3-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr (Vanilla/Unflavored)
	534	SPECIAL FORMULA: 4-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr (Vanilla/Unflavored)

2. Voucher Messaging Update

In an effort to minimize vendor confusion, the Elecare Junior vouchers now indicate that both flavor options are allowed when accepting vouchers for this product.

Old Voucher Message	New Voucher Message
SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr	SPECIAL FORMULA: 6-14.1 oz. cans powder EleCare Jr (Vanilla/Unflavored)

D. Discontinued Food Packages and Voucher Codes

1. Vouchers Without Redemption

The following voucher codes and associated food packages are being discontinued due to low retailer availability and lack of redemption. These products will only be available as state ordered formulas.

Product	Discontinued Food Packages	Discontinued Voucher Codes
Similac Special Care 30	R60, S60	504, 525, 526, 585, 586
Nutren 1.5	Z45, Z46, Z47, Z48	A63, N84, N85, N86, N87, N89
Nutren 2.0	X54, X55, X56	563, 567, 568
Peptamen	X63, X64, X65	479, 569, 570

2. Voucher Codes with Duplicate Messaging

The following voucher codes have been identified as having messaging for the same type and quantity of formula. The table below describes the status of vouchers identified as duplicates.

Duplicate Voucher Codes	Voucher Message	Status
S88	SPECIAL FORMULA: 1-14.1 oz. container powder EleCare Jr	Discontinued
300	SPECIAL FORMULA: 1-14.1 oz. container powder EleCare Jr	Will remain active
G53	FORMULA: 13-33.8 oz. (4-packs) ready to feed Gerber Good Start Soy	Discontinued
N44	FORMULA: 13-33.8 oz. (4-packs) ready to feed Gerber Good Start Soy	Will remain active

E. Boost Voucher Messaging Updates

To eliminate the appearance of a product packaging limitation, the following Boost and Boost Kid Essentials vouchers codes have been updated to remove the “case” and “pack” designations from the voucher messaging.

Old Voucher Message	New Voucher Message
SPECIAL FORMULA: 24-8 oz. containers ready to feed Boost (1 case)	SPECIAL FORMULA: 24-8 oz. containers ready to feed Boost
SPECIAL FORMULA. 4-8.25 oz. containers ready to feed Boost Kid Essentials (one 4-pack)	SPECIAL FORMULA: 4-8.25 oz. containers ready to feed Boost Kid Essentials

Product	Food Packages	Voucher Codes
Boost	X02, X39, X40, X42	554, 555, 556
Boost Kid Essentials	X07, X08, X09, X16	A43, A44, S02, S04, S05, S06, S07
Boost Kid Essentials 1.5	X90, X93, X94, X95	A45, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S23
Boost Kid Essentials 1.5 w/ Fiber	X96, X97, X98, X99	A46, S24, S26, S27, S28, S31, S37
Boost Breeze	Z19, Z20, Z21, Z22	A53, S75, S76, S77, S78, S80

F. Half Gallon, Low-Fat Milk Vouchers

Voucher codes were created to allow for the issuance of 999 food packages containing half gallon containers of non-fat/low-fat milk. These vouchers are intended to be used in special situations to accommodate a participant’s needs. For example, an adult participant with physical limitations that prevent them from picking up a full gallon of milk can be issued the half-gallon vouchers so that they may easily pour the milk into a container without assistance. It is expected that Risk Code 902, participant/caregiver with limited ability to make feeding decisions and/or prepare food, would be documented along with this issuance.

Voucher Codes	Voucher Message
A86	MILK: 2 half gallons low-fat (fat-free, 1%) No whole or 2% milk. Least expensive brand

Action Steps:

1. Districts are required to inform all WIC staff of the product updates and database changes detailed above prior to August 18, 2016.
2. Districts must update the voucher codes and messaging on their district created 999 food packages by August 19, 2016. An updated [Active Voucher File](#) is available on the District Resources webpage as a reference.
 - Revise voucher messaging:
 - Boost/Boost Kid Essentials (553, 554, 555, 556, A43, A44, S02, S04, S05, S06, S07, A45, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S23, A46, S24, S26, S27, S28, S31, S37, A53, S75, S76, S77, S78, S80)
 - Elecare Jr. (533, 534)
 - Similac Alimentum ready-to-feed (130, 150, 359, A69, N05)
 - Similac Neosure (481, 482, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 596, S09, S10, S25)
 - Add new voucher codes:
 - Half gallon low-fat/fat-free milk (A86)
 - Gerber Good Start Gentle Concentrate (G60)
 - Gerber Good Start Soy Concentrate (G61)
 - Remove voucher codes:
 - Similac Expert Care transition vouchers (S73, S93, S98)
 - Similac Expert Care Alimentum 16 oz. can (358, 360, S01)
 - Elecare Jr. 1-14.1 oz. container powder (S88)
 - Gerber Good Start Soy RTF 13-33.8 oz. (G53)
 - Similac Special Care 30 (504, 525, 526, 585, 586)
 - Nutren 1.5 (A63, N84, N85, N86, N87, N89)
 - Nutren 2.0 (563, 567, 568)
 - Peptamen (479, 569, 570)

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