

MEMORANDUM

ACTION MEMO #14-09

TO: District Health Directors
District Program Managers
District Administrators
District Nutrition Services Directors
District Systems Directors

FROM: Debra L. Keyes, MA, RD 
Director
Georgia WIC Program

DATE: January 22, 2014

RE: February 2014 Updates and Changes (Similac for Spit-Up Discontinued and Others)

The following are recent and upcoming WIC changes:

1. Similac Infant Formula Changes

Similac has recently announced that they will be reformulating many of their infant formula products: *Similac Advance*, *Soy Isomil*, *Total Comfort*, *Similac Sensitive*, and *Similac for Spit-Up*.

What is changing?

These formulas are all moving from 20cal/oz to 19cal/oz.

How will this affect WIC?

This change will cause the affected Similac products to no longer meet WIC nutritional standards set by the USDA which require approved infant formulas to be at least 20cal/oz.

How will this affect Georgia WIC?

- This change will only affect Georgia WIC's use of Similac for Spit-Up as it is the only reformulated product currently approved.
- Vouchers for this formula will no longer be issued to clients as of **February 3, 2014**.
- On February 3, all infants on Similac for Spit-Up will be switched to Enfamil A.R.

What about Medical Documentation Forms?

- Enfamil A.R. may be issued to participants with medical documentation on file for Similac for Spit-Up without obtaining new medical documentation.
- A new Medical Documentation Form is required once the current MDF for Similac for Spit-Up expires.



- Beginning February 3, 2014, do not accept new Medical Documentation Forms for Similac for Spit-Up. The medical provider should be contacted and notified of the change in approved rice added formulas.
- The attached participant letter should be provided to clients affected by this change.

Will my Front End system automatically switch participants to Enfamil A.R.?

- The Georgia WIC Front End systems have been asked to automatically print Enfamil A.R. packages instead of Similac for Spit-Up packages.
- If a Front End system is delayed in updating the food packages, WIC staff must manually switch participants to Enfamil A.R. as of **February 3, 2014**. Conversions are listed in Table 1.
- The new formulation will be on the shelves by June 2014, so it is very important to discontinue printing for this formula by February.

Are there other actions local agencies must make due to this change?

- Remove any district 999 food packages that contain Similac for Spit-Up. Listed below are the food package changes from Similac for Spit-Up to Enfamil A.R.:

Table 1

<i>Fully Formula Fed</i>			<i>Mostly Breastfed</i>		
Powder			Powder		
A41	→	A44	E41	→	E44
B41	→	B44	L41	→	L44
D41	→	D44	K41	→	K44
Ready to Feed			M41	→	M44
A43	→	A46	J41	→	J44
B43	→	B46	N41	→	N44
D43	→	D46	F41	→	F44
			G41	→	G44
			H41	→	H44
			Ready to Feed		
			F43	→	F46
			G43	→	G46
			H43	→	H46

<i>Some Breastfeeding</i>			<i>Child</i>		
Powder			Powder		
P41	→	P44	X41	→	X44
Q41	→	Q44	Ready to Feed		
I41	→	I44	X43	→	X46
Ready to Feed					
P43	→	P46			
Q43	→	Q46			
I43	→	I46			

Is Abbott changing its exempt formulas?

Medical formulas such as Alimentum, and premature formulas such as Neosure will not be affected by this change and will remain at their current caloric density.

2. Gerber Graduate Vouchers

Vouchers for Gerber Graduate Gentle and Gerber Graduate Soy will no longer print the old names, Gerber Good Start Gentle 2 and Gerber Good Start Soy 2. The old names have been completely removed from the Georgia WIC system. Remember to update your 999 files accordingly.

3. Manual Voucher Changes

Changes have been made to many of the manual vouchers. Please make sure your district has placed an order for the new vouchers as communicated by Sonia Jackson. Table 2 below describes the changes:

Table 2

	Standard Food Package	Changes	Action Required
Infant (0-3 months)	A17	No change	None
Infant (4-5 months)	B17	No change	None
Infant (6-11 months)	D17	Revised	Replace current D17 packages on hand
Child (12-23 months)	C01	Revised	Replace current C01 packages on hand
Child (2-5 years)	C28	New standard	Replace current C21 with C28 packages
Prenatal Woman/Mostly BF Woman	W08	New standard	Replace current W01 with W08 packages
Non-BF Woman/Some BF Woman	W28	New standard	Replace current W21 with W28 packages
Exclusively BF Woman	W41	Revised	Replace current W41 packages on hand
Blank (food)		Revised	Replace current vouchers on hand
Blank (formula)		Revised	Replace current vouchers on hand

Note: The standard food package applies to manual vouchers only. Participants may be assigned the mixed dairy package (i.e. C21 or W01), no cheese package (i.e. C28 or W08), or the new alternating dairy packages (i.e. C34 or W34). During times when manual vouchers are required, the standard manual package could be issued to a participant on any of the above mentioned types of packages.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Iberkleid at 404-657-2884.

Attachment: Letter to Participants

c: Lynn A. Flen - Deputy Director, Program Operations & Nutrition
WIC Deputy Directors
WIC Managers

January 22, 2014

Dear WIC Client,

As of February 3, 2014, Georgia WIC will no longer be issuing vouchers for *Similac for Spit-Up*. Due to an upcoming change in the formula, this product will no longer meet the nutritional requirements of the WIC program.

If your baby is currently receiving *Similac for Spit-Up* from WIC, he/she will be switched to *Enfamil A.R.*

- *Enfamil A.R.* is made by a different company.
- *Enfamil A.R.* has the same intended use.
- *Enfamil A.R.* meets the nutritional requirements of the WIC program.
- Your current Medical Documentation Form can be used for *Enfamil A.R.* until the form expires.
- Once your Medical Documentation Form expires, you will need to bring in a new form for *Enfamil A.R.* to continue to receive this formula.



Old



New

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your local WIC clinic or call 1-800-228-9173.

Sincerely,



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