

MEMORANDUM

ACTION MEMO #14-17

TO: District Nutrition Services Directors

FROM: Debra L. Keyes, MA, RD 
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DATE: April 11, 2014

RE: **May 2014 Food Package Updates (Cash Value Voucher for Children, Gerber Graduates Soothe, Breastfeeding Dyad Food Package)**

The following are recent and upcoming WIC changes:

USDA Final Food Package Rule

On March 4, 2014, USDA released the “Revisions in the WIC Food Packages; Final Rule”, which is an update to the interim rule published in 2007. There are a number of changes in this rule that will need to be implemented over the next year. **Starting on May 12, 2014, all children’s food packages will print a cash-value voucher for \$8.** Notification will be sent out prior to any additional changes.

Approval of Gerber Graduates Soothe

Georgia WIC will be approving Gerber Graduates Soothe as a contract formula **beginning May 2014**. This formula can be issued according to the guidelines already in place for Gerber Graduates Gentle and Gerber Graduates Soy. As a reminder, infants’ ages 9 - 11 months can receive this formula without a Medical Documentation Form. Children older than 12 months will need a Medical Documentation Form to receive this formula.

	Form	Package Size	Reconstitute Amount	Infant Max: 9-11 months w/ food	Child Max
Gerber Graduates Soothe	Powder	22 oz.	157 oz.	4	5

To see an updated version of the Common Formula Package Maximums as well as an updated Georgia WIC Formula Guide, visit this website: <http://dph.georgia.gov/wic-formula-resources>.



Infant In Hospital: Mother / Baby Breastfeeding Dyad Food Package Number Change

After the reconciliation run on May 12, 2014, Food Package 190 will no longer be accepted as a valid food package. Infants receiving Food Package 190 will need to be switched to Food Package 290 before vouchers will print. All newly certified breastfeeding infants in the hospital will need to be assigned Food Package 290. The change will allow this food package to be entered into the system without a secondary food package box opening up. An infant on this food package is in the hospital and should never be receiving any formula from WIC. Refer to the Procedures Manual-Food Package Section (FP 11-12) for additional clarification on this topic.

Food Package Database Updates

All WIC systems are scheduled to update the Food Package database on May 12, 2014. Below is a list of the changes:

1. New vouchers were created for Gerber Graduates Soothe. No food package has been created for Gerber Graduates Soothe so a 999 food package is required to issue this formula. The vouchers are listed below:
 - **G57** 1-22 oz. container powder Gerber Graduates Soothe
 - **G58** 2-22 oz. containers powder Gerber Graduates Soothe
2. Vouchers for Carnation Breakfast Essentials Ready to Feed have been updated to reflect the new can and package sizes. The new vouchers are listed below:
 - **A70** 6-8 oz. containers ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials (one 6-pack)
 - **A71** 30-8 oz. containers ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials (five 6-packs)All other Carnation Breakfast Essentials Ready to Feed voucher codes have been removed.
3. The old name of "Elecare with DHA/ARA" has been removed from all Elecare for Infants vouchers.
4. Wording was updated on all vouchers for "Ensure" changing the name to "Ensure Nutrition Shake".
5. "Stage 2.5" was removed from all infant fruit and vegetable vouchers. Georgia WIC approved infant foods are no longer made in stage 2.5. An example of the new wording is written below:
 - **A36** 4-4 oz. containers baby food fruit and/or vegetable (Stage 2 or 2nd foods)
6. Food package 290 was created as a replacement for the current "Infant in Hospital: Mother / Baby Breastfeeding Dyad" food package 190. Food package 190 has been removed.
7. The produce voucher in all child food packages has been switched from a \$6 voucher to an \$8 voucher.
8. Wording was updated on all vouchers for Neosure 32 oz. RTF and Alimentum 32 oz. RTF to clarify the container size as "1qt (32 oz.)".
9. Alternating food package **W14** (V10) had incorrect voucher code W96 removed and replaced with voucher code W45 to correctly complete the food package.

District Action Steps

1. Update voucher wording on 999 food packages.
2. Switch all infants on FP 190 to FP 290 (Infant in Hospital: Mother/Baby Breastfeeding Dyad).
3. Update district created food packages for Carnation Breakfast Essentials using revised voucher codes.
4. Educate participants on changes as appropriate.

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