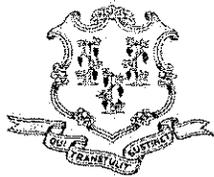


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### COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND HEALTH EQUITY SECTION *Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)*

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Dear Health Care Provider:

Effective October 1, 2016, the Connecticut WIC Program will have a rebate contract with Abbott Laboratories for standard infant formulas. ***Similac Advance® 20cal/oz*** and ***Similac Isomil Soy® 20 cal/oz*** will replace *Enfamil Infant®* and *Enfamil Prosoabee®* as the primary WIC milk- and soy- based formulas. Participation in a bid process to obtain a formula rebate contract is a federal requirement from the USDA. Please review the following:

- As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, participants receiving *Enfamil Infant®* and *Enfamil Prosoabee®* **will automatically receive *Similac Advance® 20 cal/oz* and *Similac Isomil Soy® 20 cal/oz***, respectively, without medical documentation.
- *Enfamil Gentlease®* **will no longer** be approved for use in the Connecticut WIC Program. Possible alternatives for this formula will be ***Similac Sensitive® 19 cal/oz*** or ***Similac Total Comfort® 19 cal/oz***. These formulas require medical documentation as acknowledgement to authorize the use of a **19 cal/oz** formula.
- *Enfamil AR®* **will no longer** be approved for use in the Connecticut WIC Program. A possible alternative for this formula will be ***Similac For Spit-Up® 19 cal/oz***. This formula will also require medical documentation as acknowledgement to authorize the use of a **19 cal/oz** formula and with an ICD-10 medical diagnosis of gastroesophageal reflux or other related medical diagnosis.
- The WIC Program will continue to provide specialized and exempt infant formulas, such as protein hydrolysate, hypercaloric, elemental and metabolic infant formulas with an appropriate nutrition related ICD-10 medical diagnosis.

To avoid having to transition formulas when certified for WIC services, please consider using Similac formulas for your formula-fed WIC healthy full term infants.

WIC promotes breastfeeding. Please remember breastfed infants will not routinely receive formula from WIC in the birth month in order to protect a mother's growing milk supply. As you may be aware, WIC



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offers a range of breastfeeding services, including individualized support from WIC nutrition professionals, access to peer counselors in certain service areas, WIC prenatal breastfeeding classes, referrals to community based lactation consultants (IBCLC) and assistance in accessing and using breast pumps.

We thank you in advance for your support of the Connecticut WIC Program and our partnership in improving health outcome for at-risk women, infants and children. Please contact the State WIC Agency at (800) 741-2142 or your local WIC agency if you have any questions or concerns. You may also visit the Connecticut WIC Program website at [www.ct.gov/dph/wic](http://www.ct.gov/dph/wic) to access the medical documentation forms for infants and children as well as an updated WIC Approved Contract and Special Formula/Medical Food listing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Chambers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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