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OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM #8**

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

FROM: Mary Ann Chartrand, Director
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DATE: July 22, 2009

**SUBJECT: Infant Formulas That Do Not Require a Medical
Exception Statement**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published a revised list of Infant Formulas which may be served at schools, centers, or day care homes which are approved by the USDA to meet the nutritional needs of infants. Medical Exception Statements are not required when a formula on this list is served at a school, center, or day care home.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provides this list as a guide of products that do not require medical statements when offered to infants in the child nutrition programs. Although this list is not meant to be all-inclusive, it does include most of the brands of iron-fortified infant formula that are currently available to consumers. It does not represent an endorsement of these companies or their products.

The USDA recommends that the school, center, or day care home offer the type of formula that the infant's health care provider has suggested to the infant's parent or guardian. If the school, center, or day care home offers a different type of formula, the infant's parent may decline the offered formula, and supply another type.

You may access this updated list at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/InfantMeals/FormulaList.htm>

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