

From: [MDHHS-WICVendor](#)
Subject: Infant Formula Manufacturer Contract – Award Recommendation
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Dear Vendor,

Michigan WIC's current infant formula contract with Mead Johnson is due to **expire October 31, 2021**.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on April 26, 2021. Proposals were due May 26, and a Joint Evaluation Committee (JEC) comprised of various Michigan WIC and Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) staff met to make an Award Recommendation. Federal law requires State WIC agencies to award infant formula rebate contracts to the responsible and responsive bidder offering the lowest price to the State. The JEC recommendation that Abbott Laboratories Inc. be awarded the WIC infant formula contract for the five-year contract term beginning November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2026 was published by DTMB on June 4, and the protest period expired June 11.

We are now able to communicate this information to our authorized WIC Vendors.

Please note that communication of this Award Recommendation does not constitute notice of a final, approved or executed contract, but rather, serves to provide our authorized WIC Vendors courtesy notice of an **infant formula contractor change from Mead Johnson to Abbott Laboratories Inc.** Final contract approvals and execution are still pending. The anticipated contract effective date is mid-July, at which time more concrete planning can begin. You can be assured that WIC Division staff will be partnering with you and other stakeholders to ensure a successful transition.

We expect that you will have many questions. We ask for your patience in awaiting a finalized Award Announcement at which time more information will be provided with how this contractor change will impact you.

Thank you for your continued partnership in serving our WIC families.

Sincerely,

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