From: MDHHS-WICVendor

Subject: Formula and Shortage: Third Expansion of Temporary Choices for Powder Formula

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Attachments: May 26 Temporary Choices for Powder Formula.pdf

Dear Vendor,

Michigan retailers continue to experience challenges in sourcing formula for their customers. WIC staff have been visiting stores throughout the state and our office is finding Vendors continuing to do everything they can to provide options to support families in need. The situation is widespread and the challenges you face are experienced by stores across the country.

We understand that the operation of your store is unique and certain formulas are more available for you than others. Therefore, to provide you with greater flexibility, **Michigan WIC is announcing a third expansion of powder formula options for our WIC families**. You will find a chart titled 'Temporary Choices for Powder Formula,' effective May 26, 2022, at the end of this email communication and included as an attachment. Please note the following important details:

1. <u>Size of purchase</u>: Powder formula may now be purchased from 12 oz to 36.4 oz. The typical unit size for powdered WIC formula is a single can containing 12-12.9 oz. This expansion marks an unprecedented change. **The purchase of a single item may now deduct 1 can, 1.5 cans, 2 cans, or 2.5 cans from a WIC customer's benefits depending on the size** (see below).



- 2. <u>Additional brands and varieties</u>: The Michigan WIC Program approved more brand options than were listed in the March 9 temporary formula expansion. The attached chart lists 5 WIC-approved varieties of Similac formula in the standard sizing on the left and all acceptable additional options for that benefit on the right. If you are unable to source standard WIC-approved formula, you may use this as a guide to source additional options, so customers do not have to continue to search at other stores.
- 3. Replacing chart displayed on store shelves: Many Vendors posted a copy of the March 9 revision of 'Temporary Choices for Powder Formula' chart near the formula on their shelves. Please remove and replace with the attached chart to show your customers a full list of current options. Our website will be updated to reflect these change, and WIC participants will receive a phone notification regarding these changes on Tuesday May 31, 2022, but that does not guarantee the person shopping in your store has seen that formula options have changed.
- 4. <u>Updating the APL</u>: To ensure successful redemption of these expanded options, it is important that all Vendors download the latest Approved Product List (APL) file. The expanded formula choice APL file is now available for download, effective May 26, 2022. If you have an integrated system, this may be done by your point-of-sale (POS) provider. If you have a stand-beside POS device, you may do a manual update by following these <u>instructions</u>.
- 5. <u>Troubleshooting</u>: This benefit marks a change for your store and a change for our WIC families. We ask that your store staff scan any formula brought to the register for a WIC purchase and let the point-of-sale device determine whether the customer has the correct benefits for formula they brought to check out. If your point-of-sale shows an error, the customer will know it was an issue with benefits and not your store staff preventing them from purchasing the option they picked from the shelf. Then you may help in finding an appropriate formula.

If an item is listed as an alternative option for a WIC-approved formula and your point-of-sale continues to show an error, you may consider the following:

- a. Check to make sure the UPC on the item matches the UPC listed in the attached *Temporary Choices for Powder Formula* chart.
- b. Complete a balance inquiry to make sure the WIC customer has benefits remaining to purchase the formula. The larger sizes require more than 1 can of remaining benefits. If the customer has only .5 cans left, they will be unable to redeem any cans.
- c. Ensure your point-of-sale is properly updated with the recent APL.
- d. Contact the Michigan WIC office at (517) 335-8937 or mdhhs-wicvendor@michigan.gov.

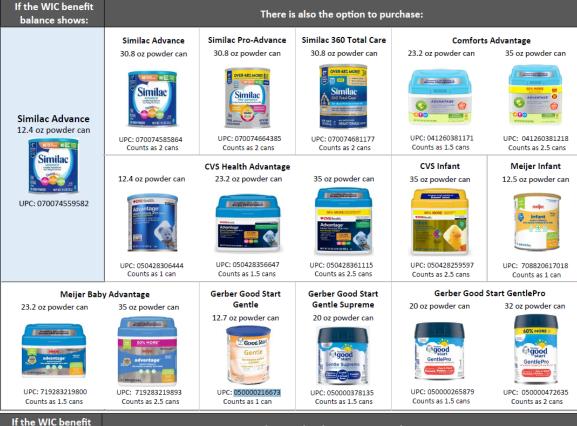


UPC: 036800419032

Counts as 1.5 cans

UPC: 036800449015

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UPC: 036800415577

Counts as 1.5 cans

UPC: 036800039711

Counts as 2.5 cans

UPC: 819573013955

Counts as 1.5 cans

UPC: 041260014451



UPC: 050000494989 Counts as 2 cans

34 oz powder can

UPC: 078742022475

Counts as 2.5 cans

UPC: 050000487226

Parent's Choice Gentle (Walmart)

Counts as 1.5 cans

21.5 oz powder can

UPC: 078742067223

Counts as 1.5 cans

UPC: 708820617025

Counts as 1 can

22.5 oz powder can

UPC: 681131350198

Counts as 1.5 cans

UPC: 719283955951

Counts as 2 cans

29.8 oz powder can

UPC: 681131350204

Counts as 2 cans

Parent's Choice Complete Comfort (Walmart)

UPC: 050000624003 Counts as 1 can

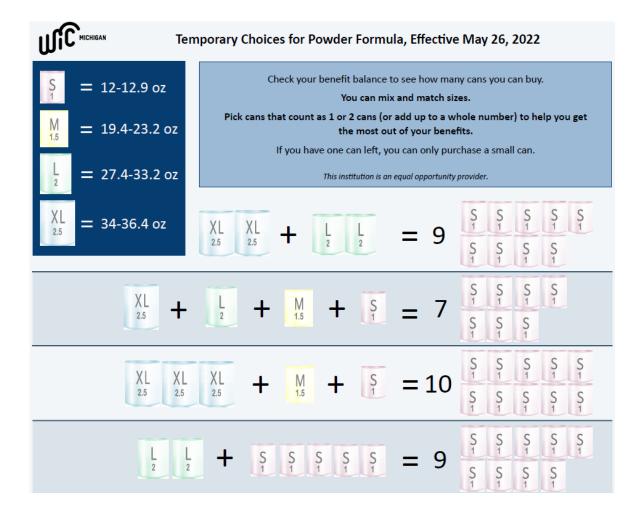
12 oz powder can

UPC: 078742012650

Counts as 1 can



If the WIC benefit balance shows:	There is also the option to purchase:					
Similac Sensitive 12.5 oz powder can	Meijer Bab 22.5 oz powder can	y Sensitivity 33.2 oz powder can	Tippy Toes 22.5 oz powder can	Sensitivity 33.2 oz powder can	Well Beginnings Sensitivity 22.5 oz powder can	
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Similac for Spit-Up 12.5 oz powder can Similac UPC: 070074509600	Enfa 12.9 oz powder can 19.5oz powder can		amil A.R. 27.4 oz powder can	30.4 oz powder refill pack	Tippy Toes for Spit-Up 21.5 oz powder can	
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	UPC: 681131241328 Counts as 1.5 cans	UPC: 681131130776 Counts as 2 cans	UPC: 311917211978 Counts as 1.5 cans			
If the WIC benefit balance shows:	There is also the option to purchase:					
Similac Soy Isomil 12.4 oz powder can Similac Similac UPC: 070074559643	Similac Soy Isomil 30.8 oz powder can 12.9 o			Enfamil P 12.9 oz powder can	Enfamil ProSobee 9 oz powder can 20.9 oz powder can	
	Similac Soy Isomil powder is NOT included in the recall. If you can't find Isomil you can choose from one of the other options.		OVER 145% MORE & MOTE Similar Sor Bould So	Plani-Based	Plant Based Andrew I blant Served Company I blant Served Company I blant Served Company I blant Served	
		_	UPC: 070074677002 Counts as 2 cans	UPC: 300871214415 Counts as 1 can	UPC: 300871214422 Counts as 1.5 cans	
	Earth's Best Non-GMO Soy 21 oz powder can	Comforts Soy 22 oz powder can	CVS Health Soy 22 oz powder can	Gerber Good St 12.9 oz powder can	20 oz powder can	
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	Tippy Toes Soy 22 oz powder can	Parent's Choice Soy (Walmart) 22 oz powder can	Well Beginnings Soy (Walgreens) 22 oz powder can	Meijer Baby Soy 36 oz powder can		
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