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Dear Vendor,

The Michigan WIC Division applauds the continued efforts of our authorized Vendors to ensure WIC families have access to infant formula.

To allow for additional flexibilities and help improve participant access to infant formula, Michigan WIC has been granted permission from USDA to allow for interchangeable redemption of standard/contract formulas. This change will allow WIC participants to redeem formulas across any standard formula type, and corresponding substitute.

**In summary, this food package change will allow a WIC participant to redeem any of the five Similac standard/contract formulas: Advance, Sensitive, Isomil, Total Comfort and Spit-Up, without requiring a change to their WIC food package.**

This increased flexibility of a “Standard Infant Formula” food package will allow a more equitable long-term approach for WIC participants, putting their access on par with non-WIC participants who can choose any of these same standard formulas, based on preference and availability.

Please take note that this food package change is planned for the evening of **Tuesday, October 11, 2022**. To be implemented successfully by the State WIC office, it is necessary to temporarily suspend access to system applications. **WIC families with a standard/contract formula food package will be unable to make WIC EBT transactions while these changes are implemented. WIC EBT transactions should resume the morning of October 12.**

Please keep in mind that all formula substitutes were put into place as a ‘temporary’ solution to the infant formula shortage and will eventually be discontinued. We highly encourage all Vendors to purchase and have available on store shelves the contracted **Similac products**, with substitute options available as an alternative.

Your store will need the latest APL file to transact formula after the change, but our office is not requesting you take any action at this time other than to inform your staff and customers of this upcoming change. We will provide additional details and communications as the transition date of Oct. 11 approaches. In the meantime, please contact us at 517-335-8937 or [mdhhs-wicvendor@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-wicvendor@michigan.gov) with any questions or concerns.

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