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Subject: Quaker Grits & Oatmeal Package Size Decrease
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 8:21:00 AM

Dear WIC Vendor,

Please share the information below with your employees:

The **11.8 oz and 12 oz** hot cereal Quaker Instant Grits & Oatmeal were **discontinued** by the manufacturer and replaced with 9.8 oz sizes, which have different UPCs. The 9.8 oz size DOES NOT meet our state policy criteria. **We cannot approve these new sizes/UPCs at this time, therefore, clients will not be able to redeem 9.8 oz Quaker Grits & Oatmeal with WIC benefits.** However, the State Food Authorization Committee is currently working towards

adjusting the size requirement in policy so these items can be included in the upcoming 2023 Food Guide.

In the meantime, Quaker currently manufactures **larger sizes of instant grits & oatmeal that meet our policy requirement**. There is limited retail availability of the larger sizes, but they have been found at some larger box stores. The UPCs below highlighted in yellow have been added to our Approved Product List (APL).

Product Size & Name	Product UPC
12 oz Quaker Instant Grits, butter	Discontinued 030000037904 (9.8 oz UPC: 030000568507 not approved)
12 oz Quaker Instant Grits, original	Discontinued 030000047606 (9.8 oz UPC: 030000568545 not approved)
11.8 oz Quaker Instant Oatmeal, original	Discontinued 030000012109 (9.8 oz UPC: 030000567319 not approved)
21.7 oz Quaker Instant Grits, butter	030000319307 available in APL
21.7 oz Quaker Instant Grits, original	030000319291 available in APL
36 oz Quaker Instant Grits, original	030000041383 available in APL
23.7 oz Quaker Instant Oatmeal, original	030000315071 available in APL

Please refer clients to the Food Guide for more hot cereal options in other national and store brands and remind them that they can use their cereal WIC benefits for cold cereal.

If you have any questions, please email the Vendor Relations Unit at MDHHS-WICVendor@michigan.gov.

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