



Memorandum

TO: WIC Regional Directors #07-111
WIC Local Agency Directors

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DATE: August 31, 2007

SUBJECT: Discontinuing Children's Reduced Cereal Food Package with 24 Ounces of Cereal

This memo is to notify you that the children's reduced cereal food packages with 24 ounces of cereal are being discontinued due vendor cost containment issues related to the 18- and 36-ounce packages of cereal. In addition, the ability to purchase 24 ounces of cereal is obsolete.

The reduced cereal food packages are intended for children who attend childcare on a regular basis and are supplied meals by their childcare centers. **Beginning September 4, 2007**, these food packages will be discontinued in the WIN system and automatically transferred to the standard children's food packages with 36 ounces of cereal listed below:

- **285 2+ Reduced Cereal/Beans** will transfer to **283 2+ Years/Beans**
- **286 2+ Reduced Cereal/Peanut Butter** will transfer to **284 2+ Years/Peanut Butter**
- **308 2+ Reduced Cereal/Beans/More Juice** will transfer to **306 2+ Years Beans/More Juice**
- **309 2+ Reduced Cereal/Peanut Butter/More Juice** will transfer to **307 2+ Years/Peanut Butter/More Juice**

PLEASE NOTE: When the food package transfer occurs in September, void-and-replace will not be an option in WIN. Should a participant need a replacement package for September, October or November issuances, call Information and Response Management (IRM) for assistance at (512) 341-4411. *Due to the low number of issuance of these food packages, the State Agency expects minimal requests for food package replacements.*

WIC Policy *FD:12.0, Prescription of Food Package*, will be revised by deleting the current reference to the reduced cereal packages. The *Food Package Code and Description Guide* has been updated (food packages 285, 286, 308 and 309 have been removed).

- For the voucher version of the *Food Package Code and Description Guide*, go to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/nut/pdf/FoodPkgCode_DescGuide.pdf.
- For the EBT version of the *Food Package Code and Description Guide*, go to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/nut/pdf/EBTFoodCode_DescGuide.pdf.

If you have any questions about the changes to these food packages or if you require additional information, please contact Paula Kanter, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, at (512) 341-4400, extension 2221, or paula.kanter@dshs.state.tx.us.