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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

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**DATE:** November 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Similac Recall – September 2010

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This memo summarizes the information shared in a direct email on September 23, 2010 when Abbott announced a recall of certain Similac products. This summary is provided for historical reference.

- 1) The WIC Program had several conference calls with Abbott Labs about the recall situation. They advised us that an estimated 5 – 10% of Similac products were subject to the recall.
- 2) The affected products were:
  - Similac Advance 12.4 and 12.9 oz powder cans that have an RB in the Lot Number.
  - Similac Sensitive Isomil Advance 12.9 oz powder cans that have an RB in the Lot Number.
  - All Go and Grow 22 oz Powder formula was affected. (These participants need to be placed on an alternative formula until the 22 oz. powder Go and Grow products are available.)
- 3) WIC participants were directed to return affected product to their grocery store. If the store did not have any non-recalled formula available, they were directed to return it to their WIC clinic. The clinics then issued the concentrate version of the product.
- 4) Participants on Go and Grow were directed to contact their physicians to obtain a prescription for an alternate product to use until these formulas are available again.
- 5) Requests to move to non-contract formula based on this incident were denied unless a medical script was provided. Under the circumstances, the scripts were honored for one month and then the participants were to be moved back to our contract formula.

Follow up information will be made available in additional memos. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Cathy Plyler, Clinic Services Branch, at (512) 341-4577 or [cathy.plyler@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:cathy.plyler@dshs.state.tx.us) or Maricela Montoya, Clinic Services Branch, at (512) 431-4578 or [maricela.montoya@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:maricela.montoya@dshs.state.tx.us).