



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: November 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Similac Sensitive for Spit Up Temporary Conversion to RTU

Similac Sensitive for Spit Up Supply Challenges Continue

Abbott is continuing to experience supply shortages of Similac Sensitive for Spit Up powder 12.3oz. They are recommending that we move all of our participants to ready to use (RTU) until they can resume production and distribution of the products throughout the state. Please follow the instructions below:

- Stop issuing formula code 482 immediately (during the calendar months of November and December 2010).
- Requests for Similac Sensitive for Spit Up shall be issued RTU formula code 450. (Issuance could be November/December/January, December/January/February, or for January/February/March.)
- Please inform participants that this is a **temporary** change due to the limited supply of powder and will end as soon as the powder supply returns to normal.

Improved supply of Similac Sensitive for Spit Up powder is expected to resume in January 2011. However, it may take 2-3 months to reach adequate supply throughout the month in all areas of the state. Watch for further communication in early January concerning updates to the timing of the issuance of formula code 482.

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 or Maricela Montoya, Clinic Services Branch, at (512) 431-4578 or maricela.montoya@dshs.state.tx.us.