



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: March 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Similac Sensitive for Spit Up Powder - March 2011 Update

Abbott continues to have supply challenges with Similac Sensitive for Spit Up *powder* (formula code 482). Therefore, please continue to issue Similac Sensitive for Spit Up RTU (formula code 450) instead of powder until further notice. Adequate supply is not expected before July 2011. If the vendors in your geographical area do not have sufficient supply of Similac Sensitive for Spit Up ready to use, please do the following:

- 1) Make certain all possible vendors in your area have been contacted and there is truly no supply available. Sometimes there is no formula on shelf, but there is stock on site in the back of the store.
- 2) Call or email state office formula staff and provide the store names, addresses and phone numbers of stores without supply. We will follow up with Abbott.
- 3) Offer to provide an alternative contract formula such as Similac Sensitive.
- 4) Non-contract alternative requests shall be considered according to the usual formula approval protocol for medical reasons only.

Please note: Supply challenges frequently occur at the beginning of the month when large numbers of people shop at once. Encourage participants to call stores in advance to determine availability before shopping.

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.