



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: New Formula Codes for Pediasure Peptide 1.0 RTU, Elecare Jr PWD and
Gentlease PWD 12.4 oz.

Three new formula codes have been added to the clinic formula issuance table.

Vital Jr/Pediasure Peptide 1.0 RTU (Name Change)

Vital Jr (formula code 444) has been discontinued and will no longer be available once the existing inventory is depleted. The replacement product has some minor formulation changes, a new name (Pediasure Peptide 1.0) and a new formula code (514). Existing EBT benefits for Vital Jr may be redeemed as long as the formula is available for purchase. **However, vendors will not be able to substitute one formula for the other. In this instance, participants will need to return to the clinic to have the new formula code issued to their EBT card. Instructions for clinic staff are as follows:**

- 1) Vital Jr/Pediasure Peptide 1.0 – Prescriptions with either name may be accepted during the transition.
- 2) Vital Jr and Pediasure Peptide 1.0 are specialty formulas available through a pharmacy, durable medical equipment (DME) or WIC only store able to order such products.
- 3) Before issuing, determine which product is available through the chosen vendor and use the appropriate code.
- 4) As a courtesy, inform healthcare providers (HCPs) of the name change.
- 5) Pediasure Peptide 1.0 may now be issued instead of Vital Jr.
- 6) Inform participants that they may need to return to the clinic in the future to change their formula benefits from Vital Jr to Pediasure Peptide 1.0 once Vital Jr is no longer available for purchase.

Elecare/Elecare Jr PWD (Name Change, Product Line Adjustment)

Elecare (formula code 110) has been discontinued and will no longer be available once the existing inventory is depleted. This formula code allows the purchase of both unflavored and vanilla Elecare and was issued to both infants and children. The replacement product, Elecare Jr,

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will be launched for children and will include the same unflavored and vanilla options. A new formula code (515) will be assigned and new UPC's exist for each flavor option. Current and future EBT benefits for Elecare may be redeemed as long as the formula is available for purchase. **However, vendors will not be able to substitute one formula for the other. In this instance, participants will need to return to the clinic to have the new formula code issued to their EBT card. Instructions for clinic staff are as follows:**

- 1) Elecare/Elecare Jr – Prescriptions with either name may be accepted during the transition.
- 2) Elecare DHA/ARA (formula code 479) will be provided primarily to infants.
- 3) Elecare Jr (formula code 515) will be provided only to children and will no longer be available to infants.
- 4) Both unflavored and vanilla Elecare Jr can be purchased when formula code 515 is issued to a participant's EBT card.
- 5) Do not issue Elecare (formula code 110) once it is no longer available for purchase in your area or through your chosen vendor.
- 6) As a courtesy, inform HCPs of the name change.
- 7) Elecare Jr may now be issued instead of Elecare.
- 8) Inform participants that they may need to return to the clinic in the future to change their formula benefits from Elecare to Elecare Jr or Elecare DHA/ARA once Elecare is no longer available for purchase.

Gentlease PWD Can Size Change

Gentlease powder is changing can sizes from 12 ounces to 12.4 ounces. It will now reconstitute to 90 ounces per can. This will change the number of cans that is allowed for formula-fed and mostly breastfed infants and children over one year of age. A new formula code has been created (512). **However, vendors will not be able to substitute one can size for the other. In this instance, participants will need to return to the clinic to have the new formula code issued to their EBT card. Instructions for clinic staff are as follows:**

- 1) Do not issue Gentlease PWD 12 oz. (formula code 431) once the new can size is available for purchase.
- 2) Participants may continue to issue and/or redeem the 12-ounce can size as long as the formula is available for purchase.
- 3) HCPs do not need to be informed about this can size change.
- 4) Participants should be informed that can size availability may change during the next several months depending on each vendor's inventory in the different parts of the state.

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