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

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**SUBJECT:** New Food Package Guide and Food Package Code Quick Reference Effective April 1, 2015

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The *Texas WIC Food Package Guide* and *Food Package Code Quick Reference* have been updated for April 1<sup>st</sup> and can now be downloaded at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/nut/foods-nut.shtm>. Changes to the food package guide are reflective of USDA Final Food Rules and new food package numbers listed in Memo #14-146 at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/data14/14146.pdf>.

Three new food packages for *Children with Special Dietary Needs* were added to the guide and quick reference:

1. **Food package #681 – SDN 1-4YR FORM/LF MILK/INF CRL** - provides formula, low-fat milk, infant cereal and cash value benefits for fruits and vegetables along with other standard foods
2. **Food package #682 – SDN 1-4YRFORM/MILK/BABY FD** - provides formula, whole milk, infant cereal and 32 jars of baby fruits and vegetables along with other standard foods
3. **Food package #683– SDN 1-4YRFORM/LF MILK/STD** - provides formula, low-fat milk, cereal (not infant cereal) and cash value benefits for fruits and vegetables along with other standard foods

**NOTE:** The footnote under the Lactose Free Packages on the current Food Package Guide regarding notifying participants about the limited availability of the lactose-free milk in quarts has been removed. The lactose-free quarts will no longer be issued in these food packages as of March 31, 2015. The quart has been replaced with the 32 oz. containers of yogurt. The quart of lactose-free milk is being removed from the Texas WIC Shopping Guide brochure and poster which is being revised for April 1, 2015.

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