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Issuance of Ready-to-Use Formula

Purpose

To ensure the availability of ready-to-use formula to WIC participants with specific needs.

Authority

7 CFR Part 246.10

Policy

Ready-to-use (RTU) formula shall be issued under the appropriate circumstances as outlined in this policy and as determined by a certification authority (CA).

Procedure

- I. RTU formula shall only be issued due to one or more of the following conditions:
 - A. There is an unsafe, unsanitary or limited water supply;
 - B. The parent/caretaker or participant is unable to correctly dilute or prepare formula due to physical or mental disability; or
 - C. The formula is available only in a RTU form and there is no comparable substitute.
 - D. The use of ready-to-use **exempt** formula for infants, and any formula for women and children, better accommodates a participant's condition (e.g. compromised immune system). Refer to the specific formula in the Texas WIC Formulary;
 - E. The use of ready-to-use **exempt** formula for infants, and any formula for women and children, improves a participant's compliance in consuming the prescribed formula. Refer to the specific formula in the Texas WIC Formulary.
- II. The continued issuance of RTU shall be evaluated at subsequent certifications.

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- III. When issuing RTU formula, a CA shall document the reason for issuance in the participant's record.