



Memorandum

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TO: Regional Medical Directors for
Health Service Regions 4/5, 6 & 5 South, 9/10 and 11
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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Nutrition Services Section

DATE: April 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Formula Conference Calls May 2010 – Topic: Formula Changes – Abbott
and Mead Johnson Label Changes and More

Formula conference calls will be conducted throughout the month of May as specified below. The training will be presented via Qwest and the same content will be repeated at each call. Handouts include: power-point slides, a draft revised medical request form, and a summary of changes to the TX WIC formulary. The handouts are attached to this memo. Please provide them to your staff.

If you cannot connect to Qwest, you can participate by telephone call in. The dates and times will be as follows:

Monday, May 3	10:00AM - 11:30AM for LA 001-053
Tuesday, May 11	12:00PM - 1:30PM for LA 054-109
Monday, May 17	10:00AM - 11:30AM for LA 054-109
Tuesday, May 25	12:00PM - 1:30PM for LA 001 – 053

If you are unable to participate at your assigned time, you may choose another. We have 119 lines available per call in period so try to group staff together to the extent that you can.

Instructions for logging on to Qwest:

1. You will need a telephone and Internet access with Internet Explorer
2. Go to <http://qwest.conferencing.com/>
3. Log on to the conference as a participant with the following room number:

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Formula Training: *6074522*

1. To join the meeting by phone, select “dial in now” to see instructions.
 - a. Dial the number **1(877) 768-0032**.
 - b. Enter the **room number *6074522***
 - c. Then your 5 digit *personal identifier number (PIN)* will be provided to you on your computer screen. Please enter all digits including the *keys. This action links your web and telephone connections.
2. Send a message to the facilitator with your name, LA number, location, and email address using the “chat box” at the bottom right hand part of your screen.
3. Plan on joining the meeting 15 minutes early if you anticipate technical difficulties. Qwest technical support can be accessed during a conference by dialing ***10*** or 1-800 860 8000 prompt #2.

Instructions for logging in to participate by phone only:

1. Dial the number **1(877) 768-0032**.
2. Enter the room number ***6074522***
3. Make sure your staff has copies of the handouts for use during the call.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Cathy Plyler, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit, at (512) 341-4577 or cathy.plyler@dshs.state.tx.us.

Summary of TX WIC Formulary Changes – April 2010

1) Improvements for users

- a) For formulas not available to infants under 9 months of age - these are now marked.
- b) For formulas only available to women and children – these are now marked.
- c) Added definitions for exempt and non-exempt formula on final page.
- d) Most formula names are spelled without abbreviations.

2) Product updates

- a) Mead Johnson metabolic formulas – no longer need to be drop shipped. They can be purchased at a local pharmacy or DME if available.
- b) Updated name changes for the following Mead Johnson formulas: Enfagrow Premium Next Step, Enfagrow Soy Next Step, Gentlease, Enfamil AR.
- c) Provided reasons for issuance for the following new formulas: Kid Essentials, Enfamil Premium LIPIL, Good Start Protect Plus and Good Start Protect Plus 2.
- d) Updated name and formulation changes for Abbott formulas: Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, Similac Sensitive Isomil Soy, Similac Sensitive for Spit Up and Similac Expert Care for Diarrhea.
- e) Removed 11 discontinued formulas.

3) Changes in reasons for issuance

- a) Boost Pudding and Ensure Pudding – separated reasons for issuance to allow for either chewing/swallowing problems or need for increased calories instead of both together.
- b) 30 calorie/oz supplements –
 1. Added FTT (failure to thrive) and its definition.
 2. Removed 1 month issuance limit on the approval of these formulas to rule out FTT.
 3. Added inadequate growth, at risk for FTT
- c) 30 calorie/oz supplements with fiber – removed “increased fiber and one or more of the following” from these products.

Changed to and/or.

- d) Bright Beginnings Soy – added “cow’s milk allergy and/or one or more of the following (list).”
- e) Infant Elemental formulas –
 1. Added more reasons and examples of GI impairment.
 2. Changed trial of protein hydrolysate for allergy to “should be” rather than “must”
- f) Enfamil and Similac Human Milk Fortifiers – added mixing instructions.