



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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DATE: October 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Clarification

This memo is to clarify some wording used in Memo 16-091 and on the new Texas WIC Medical Request for Formula/Food form.

Memo 16-091

This memo titled “Similac Product Changes” dated September 16, 2016 discussed Similac product changes including WIC’s discontinuation of Similac Go & Grow Milk toddler formula due to changes in the can size. The memo stated:

“Because of this change, there will be no toddler milk or soy formulas available from Texas WIC. If a toddler formula is requested after 12 months of age, discuss alternatives such as milk or soy-based infant formula with the health care provider.”

Clarification

Toddler formulas that are not milk- or soy-based, such as Nutramigen Toddler or Puramino Toddler, are still available. Other pediatric formulas such as Elecare Jr., Neocate Jr., etc. are also still available.

To find the current formulas available on Texas WIC, you may review the latest version of the Texas WIC Formulary updated October 2016 at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/wichd/nut/foods-nut.shtm>. Please remember the formula team will always inform local agencies of formula discontinuations via memos with **specific names** and **formula codes** listed.

Texas WIC Medical Request for Formula/Food form

There has been some confusion about the new “Qualifying Condition/Diagnosis” box on the new medical request form. Completion of this box is required only for non-contract formulas. If the

provider is requesting Similac Sensitive, Similac for Spit-Up or Similac Total Comfort, the “Qualifying Condition/Diagnosis” box does **not** need to be completed. The provider must simply check the box next to the name of the formula being requested.

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