

KANSAS WIC POLICY MEMORANDUM
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TO: Parent and Sub-Agencies

FROM: Dave Thomason
Nutrition & WIC Services Director

DATE: December 20, 2013

RE: Formula - Changes to Abbott Contract Formulas
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Formula - Changes to Abbott Contract Formulas

In a 11/22/2013 email the LA's were notified of upcoming changes to the following Abbott formulas:

- Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas;
- Similac Total Comfort; and
- Similac for Spit Up.

These changes include reducing the caloric density to 19 kcal/oz which mean they no longer meet WIC federal regulations. In the email message we stated that all forms of these formulas would be inactivated and no longer be available to issue to WIC clients.

Since then the SA has received further guidance from USDA/FNS clarifying that the Federal WIC regulations allow a **contract brand** infant formula that does not meet the requirements to be authorized for use as long as there is medical documentation. Based on that information the SA has decided to continue issuing Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac Total Comfort, and Similac for Spit Up with medical documentation.

Effective April 1, 2014, Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac Total Comfort, and Similac for Spit Up may not be issued unless a completed the Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization form for Infants and Children form is on file. The SA has revised policies FCI: 02.01.01 – Infant Food Packages – Breastfeeding Infants and FCI: 02.01.02 – Infant Food Packages - Primary Contract Infant Formulas to remove those three formulas and added them to FCI: 02.01.05-Infant Food Packages-Special Formulas. The revised policies are available on our

website along with the existing policies. Additionally, the Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization form for Infants and Children has been revised related to this issue.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all staff. Provide all caregivers of infants receiving issuing Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac Total Comfort, or Similac for Spit Up with a revised Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization for Infants and Children form. Inform the caregivers that the form must be completed by their medical care provider and returned to the WIC clinic. Checks with a first use date of April 1, 2014 or later may not be issued for these formulas until the completed form is returned to the clinic. Caregivers may choose to change to Similac Advance rather than getting a Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization for Infants and Children form completed.

Formula – Changes to Neocate Infant

Nutricia has changed the formulation and labeling of Neocate Infant. The reformulated formula is already available on retailer shelves. The changes include:

- Rebranded the label;



- Updated macro- & micronutrient profile;
 - Percent energy from fat increased to 45.7% from 41%,
 - Vitamin D increased to better meet updated DRI, and
 - Added nucleotides,
- Replaced soy oil with canola oil,
- Increased DHA;
- Decreased osmolality; and
- Increased the prepared fluid ounces per can to 97.

Increasing the prepared fluid ounces per can of formula decreases the maximum amount of Neocate Infant that can be provided in all WIC infant food packages. The new check line will be “14.1 oz Neocate Infant powder.” Effective February 1, 2014 the new maximum amounts will be:

Breastfeeding Status	Mostly Breastfeeding	Limited Breastfeeding	Formula Fed
< 1 month	-	9	9
1, 2 & 3 months old	4	9	9
4-5 months old	5	9	9
6-12 months old	4	7	7

Staff will need to renew the existing special authorization in KWIC and re-tailor the food packages for all clients receiving more than the new maximum amount of Neocate Infant allowed. It is not necessary to get a new Special Authorization form from the Medical Care Provider. PPM FCI: 02.01.05 and FCI 02.02.01 have been revised to reflect these changes.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all staff and caregivers of clients receiving Neocate Infant. Renew the special authorization in KWIC and re-tailor the food packages before issuing checks with a first use date of February 1, 2014 or later.

Formula-Change to PediaSure Sidekicks Check Line

PediaSure Sidekicks is currently issued as 4-packs. The SA has been made aware that the grocery stores are increasingly stocking PediaSure Sidekicks in 6-packs and are unable to order the product in 4-packs.

The SA has decided to create a new check line for all checks with a first date to use on or after February 1, 2014. The new check line will be “6-pack PediaSure Sidekicks ready-to-drink (8 oz containers)”. The new maximum amount which will be effective February 1, 2014 is 19 6-packs.

Staff will need to renew the existing special authorization in KWIC and re-tailor the food packages for all clients receiving PediaSure Sidekicks. It is not necessary to get a new Special Authorization form from the Medical Care Provider. PPM FCI: 02.02.01-Child Food Packages – Special Formula has been revised to reflect this change.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all staff and caregivers of clients receiving PediaSure Sidekicks. Renew the special authorization in KWIC and re-tailor the food packages before issuing checks with a first use date of February 1, 2014 or later.

FFY2014 Policy and Procedure Manual Revisions

This year the SA was required to submit all Kansas WIC Policy and Procedures to the USDA Mountain and Plains Regional Office (MPRO) for review. MPRO has until March 31st to complete the review and will be sending the SA comments about needed revisions and/or clarifications as they come up. The SA will revise the policies as needed and notify clinics of the revised policies posted to the website in the monthly P-Memos.

Since the last P-Memo the following policies were revised:

- ADM 01.03.01 – Client Waiting List: Revised to clarify that applicants must be present in the clinic to be placed on the waiting list and explains the term “Benefit Status” which appears on the KWIC report of Wait Listed clients.
- ADM 10.01.00 – General Staff Responsibilities – CPA and Non-CPA. Removed reference to changing food packages from Level 4 Clerk with Specialized Training, LPN, Registered Dietetic Technician Non CPA.
- CRT 01.02.02 Thirty-Day Temporary Certification Period. Revised to add another policy reference to the procedure.

- CRT 06.03.00 Proof of Income. Revised to add another policy reference to the procedure.

ACTION REQUIRED: Review the list of changes and implement new procedures immediately. If you have any questions contact your assigned State Agency staff.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the state staff member assigned to your agency.

January 2, 2014

Dear Physician,

Kansas Nutrition and WIC Services has been notified that the composition of the Abbott products for infants- Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac Total Comfort and Similac For Spit Up is being altered. These products will no longer meet the minimum Federal WIC requirements and specifications for an infant formula and will begin appearing on grocery shelves April 1, 2014.

The definition for an infant formula in section 201(z) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321 (z) and requirements found under section 412 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 350a) and the regulations at 21 CFR parts 106 and 107 require infant formula to provide at least 67 kilocalories per 100 milliliters (approximately 20 kcal/oz at standard dilution.)

These products will now contain approximately 19 kcal/ounce and no longer meet the definition or requirements cited above. However, these formulas can continue to be provided to infants on the Kansas WIC Program with medical documentation. Please complete the attached *Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization for Infants and Children* form to provide the necessary medical documentation. This form must be in the WIC client's record to receive Simlac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac Total Comfort or Similac for Spit Up issued after April 1, 2014.

There has been no change to the primary contract infant formula – Similac Advance. This formula is suitable for routine issuance to the majority of generally healthy full-term infants.

Please contact the Kansas WIC Program if you have any concerns or questions at 785-296-1320 or your local WIC Program at: