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NYS WIC PROGRAM VENDOR BULLETIN Title: WIC Vendor Handbook Revised

This is an important notice. Please have it translated.

Este aviso es importante. Haga que lo traduzcan.

Это важное сообщение. Пожалуйста, попросите перевести вам данную информацию

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhờ người chuyển ngữ tài liệu này cho quý vị.

Ovo je važna obavijest. Molimo da tražite da vam se prevede.

यह एक महत्वपूर्ण सूचना है। कृपया इसे अनुवाद करके रखें।

這是一項重要通告。請予以翻譯。

هذه ملاحظة هامة يرجى ترجمتها

זוהי הודעה חשובה. נא לתרגם אותה.

The New York State (NYS) WIC Vendor Handbook is a training and reference guide for all NYS authorized WIC vendors designed to help ensure that NYS WIC-authorized stores comply with all policies, procedures, and federal and state rules and regulations.

The NYS WIC Program revised the *Infant Formula* section of the WIC Vendor Handbook and replaced the list of formulas to be consistent with NYS Vendor Bulletin # 4, dated August 14, 2017. The updated WIC Vendor Handbook, dated November 2017, is available on the www.nyswicvendors.com website, under the resources section. Attached are the revised WIC Vendor Handbook pages 14, 15, and 16.

If you have questions about this information, please contact your VMA.

INFANT FORMULA

The NYS WIC Program allows three (3) types of formula:

- Contract Infant Formula
- Exempt Infant Formula
- Specialized Formulas and Modular Products

All formulas issued by the NYS WIC Program are listed on the [Approved Formulas in the New York State WIC Program Formulary](#) document.

What is Contract Infant Formula (also known as Standard Infant Formula)?

The WIC Program has contracts with certain infant formula manufacturers. The infant formula contracts have a mandatory restriction: no substitutions are allowed. This means that the participant must purchase the brand, product name, form (concentrate, powder, ready-to-use), and container size printed on the WIC check.

Any WIC vendor may redeem WIC benefits for contract formula.

What is Exempt Formula (also known as Non-Contract Formula)?

Exempt formula refers to any product on the Approved Formulas in the New York State WIC Program Formulary list other than the contract formulas, or specialized formulas or modular products.

What are Specialized Formulas and Modular Products?

Highly specialized eligible nutritionals designed specifically for individuals with certain medical conditions.

Only pharmacies or grocers with embedded pharmacies may redeem WIC benefits for specialized formulas and modular products.

Which formula benefits can a store accept?

All WIC Authorized Stores

All authorized WIC pharmacies and grocery stores may accept WIC benefits for contract infant formulas listed below:

Contract Infant Formulas

Enfamil Infant
Enfamil AR
Enfamil Gentlease
Gerber Good Start Soy

Authorized Exempt Formula Grocery Stores

Authorized exempt formula grocery stores may accept WIC benefits for the following formulas:

Contract Infant Formulas

Enfamil Infant
Enfamil AR
Enfamil Gentlease
Gerber Good Start Soy

Exempt Infant Formulas

Boost
Boost High Protein
Boost Kid Essentials
Bright Beginnings Soy Drink
EleCare for Infants
EleCare Jr.
Ensure
Ensure Plus
Neocate Infant with DHA and ARA
Neocate Jr.
Nutramigen
Nutramigen with Enflora LGG
PediaSure
PediaSure Enteral
PediaSure Enteral with Fiber
PediaSure with Fiber
Similac Alimentum

Pharmacies and Grocery Stores with Pharmacies Inside (Embedded)

Authorized WIC pharmacies and WIC grocery stores with a pharmacy inside may redeem WIC benefits for any authorized infant formula including formulas for premature infants, specialized formulas, and modular products listed below:

Contract Infant Formulas

Enfamil AR
Enfamil Gentlease
Enfamil Infant
Gerber Good Start Soy

Exempt Infant Formulas

Boost
Boost High Protein
Boost Kid Essentials
Bright Beginnings Soy Drink
EleCare for Infants
EleCare Jr.
Ensure
Ensure Plus
Neocate Infant with DHA and ARA
Neocate Jr.
Nutramigen
Nutramigen with Enflora LGG
PediaSure
PediaSure Enteral
PediaSure Enteral with Fiber
PediaSure with Fiber
Similac Alimentum

Specialized Formulas and Modular Products

Enfamil EnfaCare
Enfaport
MCT oil (Nestle)
Phenex-1
Phenex-2
Pregestimil
Similac Neosure
Similac PM 60/40

Contact your VMA if you have any questions about which formula WIC benefits you can accept. Any formula redemption that does not follow WIC Program policy may result in:

- Rejection by the NYS WIC banking contractor
- Bank fees from your bank of deposit
- Recovery of funds paid, civil monetary penalties, or disqualification by the WIC Program