



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Amanda Hovis, Director
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SUBJECT: Tanita BD-815U Neonatal/Lactation Baby Scale

Local agencies that placed an order for Tanita BD-815U Neonatal Lactation Baby Scales should have recently received delivery. The Tanita BD-815U will accommodate the need of a sensitive infant scale when monitoring infant's weight during lactation consultations as it is designed to weigh premature infants and babies having difficulty gaining weight.

The scale measures in 0.1 oz increments up to 12 lbs and 0.2 oz up to 33 lbs making it an ideal scale for accurate pre and post feeds of breastfed babies. For further specifications and instructions, please refer to the instruction manual before setting up and using your new Tanita BD-815U Neonatal Lactation Baby Scale. You can find the manual by visiting <https://www.tanita.com/en/bd-815u/>.

The BD-815U has a 3-year manufacturer's warranty. Should the scale require service, it will need to be returned to the Customer Support Center in Chicago. Contact them at 847-640-9241, or support@tanita.com, to obtain a return authorization before shipping.

Important Reminder: Pre and post feed measurements and counseling must be done under the supervision of an IBCLC. Local agencies without IBCLCs can connect with IBCLCs through teleconsults with the Houston Lactation Foundation.

If you have any questions about the scale or teleconsulting with the Houston Lactation Foundation, please contact Noemi Hernandez, Breastfeeding Coordinator, at 512-341-4579 or Noemi.Hernandez2@hhsc.state.tx.us.