



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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DATE: January 19, 2023

SUBJECT: New formulas effective January 18, 2023

This memo covers guidance for the following topics:

1. Temporary addition of Enfamil Gentlease PWD 19.9oz
2. Addition of Alimentum 8oz-6pk (48oz)
3. Staff Guidance on issuance

Temporary addition of Enfamil Gentlease PWD 19.9oz

Enfamil Gentlease PWD 19.9oz has been added as a temporary addition to the large can size options of Enfamil contract formulas. This formula is available under code 694, effective 1/18/23.

This formula will not have additional alternate brand UPCs associated with the formula code and will be available until March 31, 2023.

It will appear as 694 – ENFAMIL GENTLEASE PWD 19.9OZ on the WIC shopping list.

Addition of Alimentum RTU 8oz-6pk (48oz)

Alimentum RTU 8oz-6pk (48oz) has been added as an additional hypoallergenic option under code 695, effective 1/18/23.

Alimentum by Abbott is an extensively hydrolyzed therapeutic infant formula similar to other protein hydrolysate (hypoallergenic) formulas such as Nutramigen, Extensive HA, Pepticate, and other generic hypoallergenic brands.

Alimentum is available in the following formulations and sizes:

- (598) Alimentum PWD 12.1oz
- (395) Alimentum RTU 32oz
- (695) Alimentum RTU 8oz-6pack

For participants with active Alimentum prescriptions, staff may issue Alimentum RTU 8oz-6pk or Alimentum RTU 32 oz when powder is unavailable.

Alimentum RTU 8oz-6pk will appear as 695 - ALIMENTUM RTU 8OZ-6PK (48OZ) on the WIC shopping list.

This new formula will be added to the Texas WIC Formulary and the TXIN Maximum Formula Quantity Tables for Infants and Children by February 2023.

Staff Guidance on Issuance

1) Large Can Sizes of Enfamil contract formulas

The large can sizes of Enfamil contract formulas will be available for issuance through **March 31, 2023**.

Staff can issue large can size formulas for benefit months February through March if the standard size contract formula options are unavailable for redemption.

2) RTU Therapeutic Formulas

If a therapeutic formula [PWD or CON form] is unavailable on store shelves but the RTU form is available, RTU can be issued for a full benefit issuance period.

Document on the formula medical prescription page that the PWD and/or CON form of the therapeutic formula requested is unavailable due to ongoing formula shortages, but RTU is available.

RTU requests for therapeutic formula that are not related to the formula shortage must follow the guidelines outlined in policy [FD.15](#).

For drop ship orders, it is still best practice for WIC staff to contact the selected WIC-approved vendor prior to releasing orders to ensure formula availability.

For questions or concerns, contact the Texas WIC Formula Team at:
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