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Vendor News Flash

Alternative Formula Brands Extended

To ensure Texas WIC participants continue to receive safe formula during the Similac formula recall, another extension has been granted through August 31, 2022 for redeeming alternative formulas for all Abbott formulas, when the contracted formulas are not available. During this time there will be no sanctions for redeeming different brands or sizes of formula.

Metabolic formulas and PM 60/40 will be handled directly with Abbott and the prescribing health care professional.

Texas WIC continues to encourage grocers to use the maximum flexibility possible. More guidance regarding formula concerns is in a February [Vendor News Flash](#).

Texas WIC continues to add additional Universal Product Codes (UPCs) to the Authorized Product List (APL) where possible to enable more formula options at the register for WIC clients. Any allowable alternatives are already loaded into the APL and will scan through at the register. Please continue to download the APL every 48 hours, at a minimum, for any further additions.

Texas WIC appreciates the decisive leadership vendors have shown to ensure food is available to infants in Texas. For questions regarding this Vendor News Flash, please contact the Vendor Management Unit's Vendor Outreach Branch at WICVendorRelations@hhs.texas.gov or 1-800-252-9629. Find more WIC vendor resources on our [website](#).