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Dear Health Care Provider:

Thank you for your continued support of the Alabama Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. This communication is to provide you and your staff with notification of an upcoming change to Alabama WIC's contract infant formula issuance.

Alabama WIC continues to promote breastfeeding as the preferred method of infant feeding for at least the infant's first year; with a special emphasis on the health benefits derived by exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months. WIC provides supplemental foods for breastfeeding women and infant formula for infants who are not fully breastfed. For healthy infants prescribed a standard milk-based or soy-based formula, the WIC Program will be issuing Abbott Nutrition formulas for infants zero month through eleven months of age. Effective January 1, 2027, the following products will be issued and will not require a physician's prescription:

Similac® Advance®- 12.4 oz powder and 13 oz concentrate*
Similac® Gentle Comfort®- 12.6 oz powder
Similac® Sensitive®- 12.5 oz powder*
Similac® Soy Isomil®- 12.4 oz powder and 13 oz concentrate*

*These formulas are available in ready-to-feed forms but must meet Alabama WIC criteria for approval prior to issuance.

WIC participants seen on or before December 31, 2026, will continue to receive food benefits for Mead Johnson Nutrition standard milk and soy-based products: Enfamil® Infant, Enfamil® Prosobee®, Enfamil® Gentlease®, Enfamil AR™, and Enfamil® Reguline®. There is no nutritional difference between the standard milk and soy-based products being issued to WIC participants before and after the January 1, 2027, contract infant formula change. The transition time frame is January 1, 2027, through March 31, 2027, to account for the standard three (3) month issuance period.

While Alabama WIC's routine formula issuance will transition to Abbott products, specialty formulas that require medical documentation will not be affected by this contract change. However, infants prescribed Enfamil AR™ on or after January 1, 2027, will require an Alabama WIC Infant Formula Prescription form for documented feeding concerns such as significant spit-up or GER/GERD. A prescription will still be required if the participant needs a standard milk or soy-based contract infant formula mixed for higher caloric content or if combined with a special medical formula.

The Alabama WIC Program is committed to providing the best care to our participants. We recognize and value the important role health care providers play in determining the most appropriate nutritional care for infants. We also appreciate your continued partnership in encouraging expectant and new mothers to initiate and continue breastfeeding whenever possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we transition to Abbott Nutrition-Similac® formulas. Thank you for your continued collaboration and support of the Alabama WIC Program. Our mutual participants and their families all benefit from this partnership.

For more information, visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov/wic/healthcare-providers.html or contact the State WIC Office by calling 334-206-5673 or 1-888-942-4673.

Sincerely,

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Attachments/Enclosures

Alabama WIC Infant Formula Changes

Effective January 1, 2027, the following Abbott Nutrition products will be the contract standard milk and soy-based infant formula products for the Alabama WIC Program.

Suggested fomula transition as of January 1, 2027:



- 12.5 oz can
- Milk-based
- Whole protein
- Prebiotics



- 12.4 oz can
- Milk-based
- Whole protein
- Prebiotics



- 12.4 oz can
- Partially hydrolyzed whey protein
- Reduced lactose
- Prebiotics



- 12.4 oz can
- Partially hydrolyzed whey protein
- Reduced lactose



- 12.6 oz can
- Partially hydrolyzed whey protein
- Reduced lactose
- Prebiotics



- 12.9 oz can
- Soy protein isolate



- 12.4 oz can
- Soy protein isolate
- Prebiotics



Also available!

- 12.5 oz can
- Milk-based
- Whole protein
- Lactose free
- Prebiotics

Enfamil AR is still available for certain conditions, but a prescription will be required.