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Dear Healthcare Professional:

CHANGE IN WYOMING WIC PROGRAM INFANT FORMULAS

The Wyoming Department of Health, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program supports breastfeeding as the preferred method of infant feeding. However, when a mother decides to formula feed, WIC provides infant formula. The Wyoming WIC Program is a member of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and currently has a contract with Abbott Nutrition for infant formulas.

Select Similac® products listed below have been reformulated from a caloric density of 19 Kcal fl/oz to a caloric density of 20 Kcal fl/oz. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Federal Regulations 7 CFR Part 246.10 requires primary contracted non-exempt WIC eligible infant formulas to "Provide at least 67 kilocalories per 100 milliliters (approximately 20 Kcal/fl oz) at standard dilution." Abbott's primary WIC rebated SKUs are 20 Kcal/fl oz at standard dilution, however some non-primary WIC rebated Similac SKUs are only available in a 19 Kcal/fl oz formulation.

This decision made by Abbott to adjust the 19 Kcal/fl oz products to 20 Kcal/fl oz will make it easier for consumers to access all Similac formulas. The nutrient content will also be adjusted appropriately as part of this reformulation. Retail UPCs, reconstituted ounces per unit, product names and pricing will not be changing as part of product reformulation according to Abbott.

As of January 1, 2021, the following products will no longer require a medical documentation form:

- Similac Sensitive
- Similac Total Comfort
- Similac Spit Up

For questions or further information, please contact the State WIC Nutrition Coordinator, Danae Olson, at (307) 777-5984. You can also write to the Wyoming WIC Program, Public Health Division, 122 West 25th Street, 3rd Floor West, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the WIC Program.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: WIC Eligible Formula and Nutritionals Food Listing
Wyoming WIC Program Medical Documentation

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