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To Healthcare Providers:

The New Hampshire Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supports breastfeeding as the normal and healthiest way to feed infants, with a special emphasis on exclusive breastfeeding to provide maximum health benefits to mothers and babies. For infants who are not breastfed, WIC follows the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that all formula fed infants receive iron-fortified formula for the first year of life.

We are writing to inform you that, **effective October 1, 2016, Abbott Nutrition will be the New Hampshire WIC Program's new infant formula contractor in place of Mead Johnson. The standard formulas will be Similac Advance (milk-based formula for 0-12 months) and Similac Soy Isomil (soy-based formula for 0-12 months)** in place of the current Mead Johnson Enfamil Newborn, Infant and Prosobee formulas respectively. In addition, the following Mead Johnson formulas will be considered non-contract and will not be provided as of October 1, 2016: Enfamil Gentlease, Reguline, and AR.

The following alternate standard contract Abbott formulas will be allowed effective October 1, 2016: Similac Sensitive, Similac Total Comfort and Similac for Spit-Up with medical documentation. Medical documentation is required for Similac Sensitive, Similac Total Comfort and/or Similac for Spit-Up because they contain 19 calories/ounce at standard dilution. USDA requires medical documentation for any formula provided by WIC not meeting a minimum of 20 calories/ounce at standard dilution. A Request for 19 Calorie formulas form (RSF_19) specifically created for this purpose is enclosed and can be downloaded at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/nhp/wic/index.htm> under related resources to assist you with this requirement.

- As of October 1, 2016, WIC participants currently receiving Mead Johnson Enfamil Newborn, Infant and Prosobee will automatically receive Similac Advance or Similac Soy Isomil at their WIC visit. Alternate standard contract formulas, Similac Sensitive, Similac Total Comfort and/or Similac for Spit-Up, are available upon request with medical documentation.
- The New Hampshire WIC Program continues to coordinate with NH Medicaid to provide special infant formulas to participants with qualifying medical conditions. A copy of the Request for Special Formula (RSF) and a list of all formulas provided by WIC is available at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/nhp/wic/index.htm> under related resources.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of the New Hampshire WIC Program. Please call or contact Frances McLaughlin at 603-271-4546 or wic@dhhs.nh.gov if you have any questions about the formula covered by the NH WIC Program. Thank you for your assistance in making this a smooth transition to our new contract infant formula provider.

Sincerely,

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