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RE: Important Change to WIC Formulas

Dear Arizona Physician:

This is an update to the previous communication that was sent to Arizona Physicians dated January 31, 2014.

The Arizona Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) WIC Program have received additional information from both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Abbott Nutritionals that affect the availability of Similac® infant formulas through the WIC Program.

In the January 31, 2014, letter, we communicated the change in formulation of three of the current contract infant formulas used by the Arizona WIC Program and ITCA WIC Program. As of April 1, 2014, Similac® Sensitive®, Similac® for Spit Up, and Similac® Total Comfort™ formulas will change from 20 kilocalories/ounce to 19 kilocalories/ounce. Although these three formulas will not meet the definition of an infant formula, we have been granted permission to issue these routine, contract infant formulas if medical documentation is received from the participant’s medical provider. Similac® Advance® and Enfamil® ProSobee® will remain the milk- and soy-based infant formulas available without medical documentation through the Arizona WIC Program and ITCA WIC Program.

The process for formula authorization procedures has not changed, but the medical documentation forms have been updated to reflect the availability of these three infant formulas.

Enclosed is an updated WIC Formula Changes: Questions and Answers for Physicians document regarding this new development for infant formulas in WIC. Check the Arizona WIC Program and ITCA WIC Program websites for updated information (www.azwic.gov and www.itcaonline.com).
To obtain copies of the revised Special Formula Authorization Form or if you have further
questions or concerns, visit the Arizona WIC Program website at

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