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## NEW INFANT FORMULA REBATE CONTRACT AWARDED

On October 1, 2012, the Arizona WIC Program will have two vendors for infant rebate formula:

1. Abbott Nutrition will continue to provide the milk-based infant formula: Similac Advance with Iron; and
2. Mead Johnson was selected as the soy-based infant formula provider and they manufacture Enfamil ProSobee.

### What does this mean?

This means that the Arizona WIC Program will be changing only one of its formulas.

The Arizona WIC Program's minimum stock requirements will be amended **October 1, 2012, to the following:**

FROM: Abbott Nutrition (Similac Products)				TO: Abbott Nutrition – Milk Based Formula Mead Johnson – Soy Based Formula		
Formula Type	Product Name	Size	Current Stock Requirements	Product Name	Size	Stock Requirements
Milk Based	Similac Advance with Iron 	12.4 oz. Powder	36 Cans	<b>No Change</b> Similac Advance with Iron 	12.4 oz. Powder	36 Cans (no change)
Soy Based	Similac Soy Isomil Advance 	12.4 oz. Powder	18 Cans	Enfamil ProSobee 	12.9 oz. Powder	18 Cans

More information regarding the change will follow in the next few months.

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**When will the transition begin?**

The transition will begin October 1, 2012; however, the program staff will begin to alert their participants of the changes in August. All October food instruments will be produced according to the infant's needs. Please sell the participant the formula indicated on their WIC food instrument.

**Is my store required to have both formulas on the shelf during October?**

As a courtesy to your customers, it is *suggested* that you keep both types of soy infant formulas in stock for the month October. Please remember that participants have 30 days to use their food instruments. For example, if a food instrument with Similac Soy Isomil Advance is issued on September 15, the participant has until October 15 to use them in your store.

Beginning October 1, 2012, you will be required to keep the minimum stock requirements for **Similac Advance with Iron and Enfamil ProSobee shown on the first page.**

If you do not have the formula listed on the participant's food instrument or you do not have enough to fill the prescription, *you will need to send the customer to another authorized Vendor.*

**What do I do if I have additional questions or concerns?**

*The Arizona WIC Program is working hard to make this change a smooth transition for you, our participants, and local agencies.* If you have any questions or concerns regarding the formula change or you would like technical assistance, you may call toll free any member of the Vendor Management Team at **1-866-737-3935.**

