

New WIC Food Packages

Summary of Changes to Medical Documentation

According to the new WIC Food Package Interim Rule 7 C.F.R. 246.10(d) medical documentation is required for all of the following:

- Food Package III participants receiving infant formula, exempt infant formula or WIC eligible medical food.
- Food Package III participants receiving authorized supplemental food
- Food Package I & II participants (BF/FF and FF) receiving non-contract brand formula.

 SAs have discretion to require medical documentation for any contract brand infant formula and may decide that some contract brand infant formula may not be issued under any circumstances.
- Children in Food Package IV receiving milk substitutions of soy beverage or tofu
- Children in Food Package IV receiving additional authorized cheese that exceeds the maximum substitution rate
- Women in Food Package V & VII receiving additional authorized tofu and cheese that exceeds the maximum substitution rate

Current Technical Requirements	New Technical Requirements
Name of authorized WIC formula prescribed (infant formula, exempt formula, WIC-eligible medical food)	Name of authorized WIC formula (infant formula, exempt formula, WIC-eligible medical food) prescribed, including amount needed per day
Medical Diagnosis warranting the WIC formula	Qualifying condition(s) for issuance of WIC formula prescribed and/or supplemental food authorized for the participant
Length of time the prescribed WIC formula is medically required by the participant	Length of time the prescribed WIC formula and/or supplemental food is required by the participant
Signature (or name, if initial documentation was received by phone) of the requesting health care provider	Signature, date and contact information (or name, date and contact information if initial documentation was received by phone) of the requesting health care provider
	Name of authorized supplemental food(s) appropriate for the qualifying condition(s) and their prescribed amounts