Determining the Number of Containers of Infant Foods to Issue Using Rounding Up

Interim Rule, p. 68994, (2) *Infant foods*. (i)

"State Agencies may use the rounding up option to the next whole container of infant food (infant cereal, fruits, vegetables and meats) when the maximum monthly allowance cannot be issued due to varying container sizes of authorized infant foods."

Rounding Up Infant Food Methodology

1	Multiply maximum monthly allowance by number of months in food package = Total amount of infant food in ounces.
2	Determine the container size (e.g., ounces) of infant food issued by the State agency.
3	Divide total amount of infant food by the container size = total number of containers to issue.
4	Round up to the next whole same size container if the number of containers is not a whole number. (e.g., 54.3 containers would round up to 55 containers)
5	Distribute the total containers across the food package timeframe as evenly as possible. (e.g., 10, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9)

Figure A: Total Number of Ounces of Infant Foods Authorized Over the Six Month Timeframe

Infant Foods	Fully Breastfed Infants Food Package II & III	Partially Breastfed & Fully Formula Fed Infants Food Package II & III
Fruits & Vegetables	1536	768
Meats	465	N/A
Infant Cereal	144	144

Example: Rounding Calculation

Infant foods fruits and/or vegetables - 2.5 oz jar

Food Package II-FF and BF/FF & III- FF and BF/FF

Maximum monthly allowance = 128 oz Food Package timeframe = 6 months

1. Multiply maximum monthly allowance by food package timeframe

   128 X 6 = 768 oz

2. Determine the container size (e.g. ounces) of infant food issued by the State agency

   Infant foods fruits or vegetables = 2.5 oz jar

3. Divide total amount of infant food by the container size = total number of containers to issue

   768 ÷ 2.5 = 307.2

4. Round up to the next whole same size container if the number of containers is not a whole number.

   307.2 rounds up to 308 containers = 770 oz

5. Distribute the total containers across the food package timeframe as evenly as possible.

   308 jars over 6 month timeframe = 51, 51, 51, 51, 52, 52

Example: Infant Foods Rounding by Container Size over a Six Month Timeframe

Container Size	Fully Breastfed Infants (FP II-BF & III-BF)
Fruits and/or Vegetables	Monthly Distribution of Infant Foods over 6 - month Timeframe
2.5 oz	102, 102, 102, 103, 103, 103 = 1537.5 oz
3.5 oz	73, 73, 73, 73, 73, 74 = 1536.5 oz
6 oz	42, 42, 43, 43, 43, 43 = 1536 oz
2 – 2.5 oz pack	51, 51, 51, 51, 52, 52 = 1540 oz
2 – 3.5 oz pack	36, 36, 37, 37, 37, 37 = 1540 oz
4 – 3.5 oz pack	18, 18, 18, 18, 19, 19 = 1540 oz
	Partially Breastfed/ Fully Formula Fed Infants (FP II-BF/FF & FF and FP III BF/FF & FF)
Fruits and/or Vegetables	Monthly Distribution of Infant Foods over 6 - month Timeframe
2.5 oz	51, 51, 51, 51, 52, 52 = 770 oz
3.5 oz	36, 36, 37, 37, 37, 37 = 770 oz
6 oz	21, 21, 21, 21, 22, 22 = 768 oz
2 - 2.5 oz pack	25, 25, 26, 26, 26, 26 = 770 oz
2 - 3.5 oz pack	18, 18, 18, 18, 19, 19 = 770 oz
4 - 3.5 oz pack	9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10 = 770 oz

Note: Rounding is not necessary for the following infant foods since currently available container sizes divide evenly into Federal WIC monthly allowances:

4 oz jars of infant fruits and vegetables
2.5 oz jars of infant meat
3 oz, 8 oz, and 16 oz containers of infant cereal

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