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POLICY CHANGE _____
_____ Administration
_____ Nutrition Staff
 X All Staff Affected
_____ ISIS Change

NSB # 01-29-09-013

Date: January 29, 2009
To: Primary WIC Program Contact
Subject: **Discontinuance of Enfamil LactoFree LIPIL**

I am writing to inform you that Mead Johnson Nutritionals will discontinue making Enfamil LactoFree LIPIL, one of our contract formulas. On May 31, 2009, the product will no longer be shipped to retailers. Participants may still be able to locate the product in stores after this date, but it will be more difficult to find as the supply dwindles.

Impact

The impact of Mead Johnson discontinuing LactoFree LIPIL formula will be minimal since less than two percent of all California WIC infants receive this formula. Therefore, we will not be removing the LactoFree LIPIL formula option from the Integrated Statewide Information System (ISIS) until October, when the new food package implementation occurs. You will need to inform participants about this change. Participants may want to consult with their physicians to choose another contract formula that meets their infants' nutritional needs.

Action

To ensure that participants are aware of this formula change, you will need to do the following:



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program
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(916) 928-8500 Internet Address: www.wicworks.ca.gov

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- Run an extranet report before February to identify participants who currently receive Lactofree LIPIL formula. Place a hold on their ISIS files as a reminder to staff to inform participants about this formula change.
- Review the attached WIC Identification Folder (WIF) insert that describes the formula change with your staff.
- Have staff provide copies of the WIF insert to parents/guardians of all infants who currently receive LactoFree LIPIL when they arrive for their appointment. Recommend that they speak with their medical provider as soon as possible to switch to another contract formula. The last day to issue LactoFree LIPIL is May 31, 2009. Participants should not be double or triple issued LactoFree LIPIL since it will be difficult to find as supply decreases in the stores.
- Inform participants who make new requests for LactoFree LIPIL that this formula will be discontinued and ask that they choose a different contract formula.

Questions

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Melanie Hancock at (916) 928-8894 or your regional staff at (916) 928-8500.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Erika Trainer)

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Attachments

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