



Florida Department of Health, WIC Program

Formula Request



The Florida WIC Program supports the American Academy of Pediatrics' Statement on Breastfeeding. Final determination of the approval and provision of formula will be based on Florida Department of Health, WIC Program policy and procedure.

Client's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Caretaker's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Breastfeeding: Exclusively Partially No

Contract Formula: Milk-based Soy-based

If requesting a standard infant formula, has

Nestlé Good Start Supreme DHA & ARA or Gentle Plus been tried? Yes No

Nestlé Good Start Supreme Soy DHA & ARA or Soy Plus been tried? Yes No

If requesting a standard infant formula, have any other Nestlé formulas been tried? Yes No

If yes, specify formula name(s): _____

If no to these questions, are they medically contraindicated? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

Name of formula(s) requested: _____

Amount of formula(s) requested: _____

Medical diagnosis that necessitates this formula: (Note: Colic, constipation, spitting-up, and formula intolerance are not considered acceptable medical diagnoses. Details of the patient's condition are required.)

Request valid until: _____ (Not to exceed 6 months.)

WIC staff may need to contact the health care provider to obtain more detailed medical information prior to approval of this formula request. Please read the back of this form.

PLEASE PLACE OFFICE STAMP BELOW:

Address:

Phone Number:

Signature of Physician, ARNP, or PA

Date

Dear Health Care Professional:

Thank you for your continuing support of the Florida WIC Program. The WIC Program is committed to the Healthy People 2010 goals for improving the health and nutritional status of Florida's infants and children. WIC supports the American Academy of Pediatrics' *Statement on Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk*. WIC encourages mothers to exclusively breastfeed their babies for at least six months. Local WIC agencies have staff that can assist WIC mothers with breastfeeding or make appropriate referrals.

The Florida WIC Program provides standard iron-fortified infant formulas that are milk-based or soy-based for WIC infants who are not exclusively breastfeeding. (See list of WIC contract formulas below.) The use of a federally mandated "single source bid" has allowed the program to purchase formula at a greatly reduced cost. Use of the WIC contract formulas provides additional funds (up to \$80 per participant, per month) for the Florida WIC Program to serve more pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children.

Department of Health WIC Program Policy for Standard Formulas Other than the Contract Formulas

By completing this form, you are indicating that a diagnosed medical condition necessitates the use of a different formula from the current contract formulas. Please complete all of the information on this form. The local WIC clinic cannot consider the requested formula without all of the required information.

Substitution with another standard iron-fortified infant formula will only be considered when a medical condition manifests from the feeding of the WIC contract formulas or they are medically contraindicated. Documentation of the patient's condition is required on the front of this form.

Requests are limited to 6 months. It is our policy to re-evaluate the patient's continued need for the formula on a periodic basis during the requested time period.

In some cases, incomplete or limited medical information may prevent the approval of the formula requested. In order to expedite the approval process, WIC staff may need to contact the health care provider who requested the formula to obtain more detailed medical information.

WIC contract iron-fortified standard infant formulas are the following Nestlé formulas:

Good Start Supreme DHA & ARA or Gentle Plus (partially hydrolyzed 100% whey formula with DHA & ARA)

Good Start Supreme Soy DHA & ARA or Soy Plus (partially hydrolyzed soy-based formula with DHA & ARA)

For infants 9 months of age or older, the following Nestlé formulas are available:

Good Start 2 Supreme DHA & ARA or Gentle Plus 2 (partially hydrolyzed 100% whey formula with DHA & ARA)

Good Start 2 Supreme Soy DHA & ARA or Soy Plus 2 (partially hydrolyzed soy-based formula with DHA & ARA)

For infants who are not able to tolerate one of the above Nestlé formulas:

Good Start Natural Cultures or Protect Plus (partially hydrolyzed 100% whey formula, DHA & ARA and Bifidus BL)

WIC non-contract iron-fortified standard infant formulas are the other standard milk-based, lactose-free, or soy-based formulas. Use of these formulas will be considered through the WIC program with a request indicating the formula name, medical condition, and the duration of the request. If the reason for requesting a non-contract iron-fortified standard formula is due to a formula intolerance then:

- ✓ Prior to using a non-contract iron-fortified standard infant formula, the infant must be tried on all age-appropriate and available WIC contract formulas unless medically contraindicated. If so, it must be documented on the request form.

Special formulas. These formulas will be considered through the WIC Program under specific medical conditions. A request indicating the formula name, medical condition, and the duration of the request is required. The request is limited to 6 months.

If you have a question about a specific formula, please contact your local WIC office or the Bureau of WIC and Nutrition Services at 1-800-342-3556.

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