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Dear Health Care Provider:

Missouri WIC would like to inform our health care provider partners of a policy change effective July 1. This change will affect a large percentage of infant and child WIC participants who require exempt infant formula or nutritionals (i.e., special formulas).

Beginning July 1, health insurance companies, including MO HealthNet, will assume the primary payer role for [special formulas](https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/pdf/retailer-food-formula-reference-guide.pdf) (https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/pdf/retailer-food-formula-reference-guide.pdf) for infant and child WIC participants. This change allows WIC to provide nutritious food to more eligible participants. Health insurance companies can provide special formula, and WIC can provide healthy food! If you are interested in learning more, you can read the [federal policy memo](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/guidance-documents/fns.wic-pm2015-07-medicaidPrimaryPayorExemptFormulasMedicalFoods.pdf) (https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/guidance-documents/fns.wic-pm2015-07-medicaidPrimaryPayorExemptFormulasMedicalFoods.pdf) connected with this change.

WIC remains the primary payer of standard infant formula for all infant participants regardless of insurance status. The current standard infant formulas are Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, Similac Gentle Comfort and Similac Soy Isomil. WIC will also provide Enfamil A.R. with a WIC Medical Documentation form (WIC-27).

Missouri WIC is the secondary payer and will provide WIC-approved special formula in accordance with WIC requirements and when one or more of the following apply. A participant:

- Does not have insurance.
- Is enrolled in MO HealthNet, private or military insurance, but their formula is not covered.
- Is waiting for a MO HealthNet application or formula request to be approved.

You will continue to complete a WIC-27 for these WIC participants who rely on WIC for ongoing or transitional special formula needs. Please refer to the [Health Care Provider page](https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wichcp/) (https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wichcp/) on the WIC website for more information on the WIC-27.

For infant and child participants whose insurance covers special formula, you will send a prescription for the special formula to a durable medical equipment (DME) company or entity as determined by the insurance company. If you have questions, please email WICInfo@health.mo.gov. Health care provider updates for Missouri WIC are available by subscribing to our [MO WIC Info for Health Care Providers](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODHSS/subscriber/new?topic_id=MODHSS_19) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODHSS/subscriber/new?topic_id=MODHSS_19) email.

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