

WIC-48 Approvals for Alimentum, Elecare Infant, and Elecare Jr Alternatives

There are only 4 exempt formulas that are impacted by the Abbott Nutrition Recall; however, we know that ordering all exempt formula has been difficult due to the global supply chain shortages and that the recall has worsened the existing shortages. Please ask families to be patient when ordering exempt formula.

Louisiana WIC received three federal waivers to allow for flexibility and provide alternatives. For exempt formula, these alternative brands should be a similar match for infants; however, please note that the provider needs to recommend these products to avoid contraindications. For example, some of the ingredients may vary brand to brand which could cause reactions in some of our WIC participants.

These waivers are temporary and will expire on September 30, 2022.

The medical provider will need to provide a WIC-48 with the alternative for the exempt formula.

The diagnosis should remain the original qualifying diagnosis; however, if the provider puts “recall” that diagnosis can be used through September 30, 2022.

| Recalled Similac Formulas | | Possible Formula Substitutions | |
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| Can Size/Type | Brand/Name | Brand/Name | Can Size/Type |
| 12 oz powder | Alimentum Powder | Similac Alimentum | 32oz RTF |
| | | Enfamil Nutramigen LGG | 12.6 oz powder |
| | | 005-Enfamil Nutramigen | 13 oz conc. |
| | | 056-Comfort Hypoallergenic Infant | 12.6 oz powder |
| | | 057-Parent’s Choice Hypoallergenic | 12.6 oz powder |
| | | 058-Signature Care Hypoallergenic Infant | 19.8 oz powder |
| | | 059-Tippy Toes Hypoallergenic Formula | 12.6 oz powder |
| | | 009-Mead Johnson Pregistimil | 16 oz powder |
| 14.1 oz powder | Similac Elecare Infant | Nestle Alfamino | 14.1 oz powder |
| | | Nutricia Neocate | 14 oz powder |
| | | Mead Johnson Puramino | 14.1 oz powder |
| | | Nutricia Neocate Syneo | 14.1 oz powder |
| 14.1 oz powder | Similac Elecare Jr | Nestle Alfamino Jr | 14.1 oz powder |
| | | Nutricia Neocate Jr | 14.1 oz powder |
| | | Mead Johnson Puramino Jr | 14.1 oz powder |
| 12.6 oz powder | Nutramigen w/Enflora LGG | Nutramigen w/Enflora LGG | 19.8oz powder 32 oz RTF |

Note: Similac 60/40 has been added to the recall. Specifically cans featuring the lot code of 27032K80 and cases featuring a lot code of 27032K800. We currently do not have an alternative for Similac 60/40. Staff shall direct participants to the similacrecall.com website to determine if they have formula that is part of the recall. Caregivers should be directed to their medical provider for direct shipment of Similac 60/40 from Abbott.

Enfamil Nutramigen w/ Enflora LGG is not a part of the recall but some regions are reporting unavailability of the product. We currently offer concentrate and RTF options on our formulary for Nutramigen. We have added a large can size option for Nutramigen w/ Enflora LGG. A 32oz RTF option has been added for Nutramigen. ***NOTE:** The participant's medical provider must specify Nutramigen or Nutramigen LGG on the WIC-48.