

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 February 28, 2023 for non-Abbott brands. Larger can sizes of Abbott brand products may be used as substitutes until April 30, 2023.

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 February 28, 2023.

Recalled Similac Formulas		Possible Formula Substitutions	
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.