

Abbott Formula Recall

The formulas impacted by this are:

Similac Advance powder, Similac Total Comfort powder, Similac Sensitive powder, Similac Spit-Up powder, Alimentum powder, EleCare powder, and EleCare Jr. powder.

Formula Substitutions

(Non-Abbott Brands)

This table lists the comparable products that you can get with your Louisiana WIC Benefits until **February 28, 2023 for Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, Spit-Up, Total Comfort, and Isomil** without having to return to clinic to have your EBT card adjusted. Check your baby's formula below to see what options are available for you:

Abbott Nutrition Brand Products If your baby normally takes:	Substitution Brands (Non-Abbott Products) Your baby can get instead:
Similac Advance	Enfamil Premium Infant (12.5 oz) Gerber Good Start Gentle Pro Infant (12.7 oz) Parent's Choice Advantage (12.4 oz) Parent's Choice (12.5 oz)
Similac Sensitive	Parent's Choice Sensitive (12 oz)
Similac Spit-Up	Enfamil AR (12.9 oz)
Total Comfort	Enfamil Gentlease (12.4 oz) Parent's Choice Gentle (12 oz) Enfamil Reguline (12.4 oz) Gerber Good Start Soothpro (12.4 oz)
Isomil*	Enfamil Prosoabee Simply Plant-Based Powder (12.9 oz)
Special Formulas- Requires a Return to Clinic	
Alimentum EleCare EleCare Jr	These are special formulas and are prescribed for a specific reason. Your doctor can help you choose a new formula to meet your baby's medical needs. You will need a new prescription and to contact your WIC office to update your benefits.

**Isomil is not part of the recall but a substitution is available due to low availability*

Replacing Recalled Abbott Formula

Due to the 2022 Abbott voluntary formula recall, Louisiana WIC has received a federal waiver to issue non-Abbott (Similac) formula to prevent a formula shortage for Louisiana WIC families.

Refer to the **Formula Substitutions Table** (page 1) for information on comparable products that you can get with your Louisiana WIC Benefits until **February 28, 2023** without having to return to clinic to have your EBT card adjusted.

FAQ

What does this mean for my formula fed infant?

You are currently able to receive **non-Abbott formula** with your Louisiana WIC benefits, **but after February 28, 2023**, you will be required to use Abbott (Similac products) again.

What if my baby likes drinking the Non-Abbott product better?

After February 28, 2023, you will be required to use Abbott (Similac products) again due to Federal requirements.

What if my baby's formula is Elecare or Alimentum?

Contact your health care provider to determine the best alternative for your baby. This is a highly specialized formula and is prescribed for a specific reason. Your doctor can help you choose a new formula to meet your baby's medical needs. You will need a new prescription and to contact your WIC office to update your benefits.

What if my child's formula is Elecare Jr.?

Contact your health care provider to determine the best alternative for your baby. This is a highly specialized formula and is prescribed for a specific reason. Your doctor can help you choose a new formula to meet your baby's medical needs. You will need a new prescription and to contact your WIC office to update your benefits.

What to do if you can't find a replacement brand (non-Abbott)?

Please call your local WIC clinic for an appointment if you have trouble finding any of the replacement brands in the grocery store (refer to table on pg. 1).

Why do I need a WIC appointment?

Due to the differences in can sizes, other replacement formula options (non-Abbott brands) have to be loaded onto your LA WIC EBT card in the clinic.

Visit LouisianaWIC.org/about/benefits for the latest information about the recall and WIC benefits.