

WIC E-Notice #2022-101: Emergent Situation - Abbott Formula Recall #22: Abbott Update, New Client Resource for Expanded Options, Enfamil AR at Kroger & Redemptions of Alternative Formulas

March 18, 2022

Dear WIC Coordinator:

Please share this information with WIC staff.

Abbott Update

Per a routine call held with Abbott on Wednesday, it was reported that we should see an improvement in availability in Similac Advance small powder first, then Similac Sensitive. They reported all formulas produced from the Sturgis, MI plant (Elecare, Alimentum powder, Spit Up, and Total Comfort 12.6 oz), are not available until the investigation is completed and the plant has reopened. Upon reopening, Abbott stated they will prioritize Elecare Infant, Elecare Junior, and Alimentum powder production.

If you get a Special Formula/Food Request form for Elecare Infant, Elecare Junior, or Alimentum powder you need to contact the Health Care Provider for an alternative formula. Please refer to E-Notices #2022-58 and #2022-79 for other options to these formulas.

New Client Resource for Expanded Options

At local agency request, one-pagers for each formula type are available in both PDF and PNG images. This is now on our website from the WIC Providers screen. [Here is the direct link to the Temporary Formula Options by Similac Formula Type \(One Pagers\)](#). Attached please find an example of the one pager.

Enfamil AR 30.4 oz at Kroger

Kroger does not carry Enfamil AR 30.4 oz powder refill packs on their store shelves. We received information from Kroger that it may be ordered through a Kroger pharmacy.

Redemptions of Alternative Formulas

Attached please find redemption details from Data Direct of temporary choices of contract powder infant formula which includes the expanded alternatives as of March 9th. These historical redemption details can help local agencies direct clients to stores with verified successful transactions of alternative formulas on March 14-16 (sheet 1, *Alternative Formula Redemptions*), alternatives for Elecare Infant on March 14-16 (sheet 2, *Elecare Infant Alternatives*), and alternatives for Alimentum on March 11-16 (sheet 3, *Alimentum Alternatives*). Future updates will be provided.

Some helpful tips for navigating the spreadsheet:

- You can filter the data by each of the columns by clicking on the down arrow next to the column header name.
- **Retailer Local Agency ID**= the Local Agency where the retailer is located (these have an extra 0 added to the end, so 10= 01 DHD 2; 100= 10 Grand Traverse HD).
- **Clinic ID**= the clinic to which the client is assigned (if it's a 3-digit number, the first number is the LA; if it's a 4-digit number, the first 2 numbers are the LA).
 - Using both Retailer Local Agency ID and Clinic ID together may help LAs direct families who shop at stores outside of their area.
- **Transactions**= number of transactions at this store; this does not tell us how many cans were purchased.

If you have questions on using this report, please contact Brooke Perry at PerryB11@michigan.gov

Please contact the DuJour line 800-942-1636 option 2 or your local agency consultant with any questions.