

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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Dear Health Care Partner,

The Maryland WIC Program thanks you for your continued support of breastfeeding, which is Maryland WIC's first recommendation for infant feeding. As you know, Maryland WIC also provides infant formula and medical nutritionals. This is a follow up communication to share the expanded list of alternate products offered due to the voluntary Abbott Formula recall.

At this time through <u>April 30, 2022</u>, Maryland WIC staff are offering participants with affected product an alternate form (e.g., concentrate or ready to feed) of the current product they have on hand. If the caregiver prefers a product from another manufacturer, USDA has granted a waiver to allow for the provision of an alternate product. Please see list below for alternate products for recalled items.

These products are included in the USDA waiver and therefore can be issued per request by the caregiver.

Recalled Abbott Product	Alternate Abbott Product	Alternate Gerber Product	Alternate Mead Johnson Product
Similac Advance	Similac Pro-Advance Similac 360 Total Care	Gerber Good Start Gentle Gerber Good Start GentlePro	Enfamil Infant Enfamil NeuroPro Infant
Similac Sensitive	Similac Pro-Sensitive Similac 360 Total Care Sensitive	Gerber Good Start SoothePro	Enfamil Gentlease Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease Enfamil NeuroPro Sensitive
Similac Total Comfort	Similac Pro-Total Comfort	Gerber Good Start SoothePro	Enfamil Gentlease Enfamil NeuroPro Gentlease

These products are not included in the USDA waiver and need a verbal order\* or a new Maryland WIC Medical Documentation Form to issue. The April 30, 2022 end date does not apply to these products. Duration dates on medical documentation forms will be honored. <u>https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/wic/Documents/provider/3.02C%20Medical%20Documentation%20Form%20Fillable.pdf</u>

Recalled Abbott Product	Alternate Gerber Product	Alternate Mead Johnson Product	Alternate Nutricia Product
Similac Alimentum	Gerber Extensive HA	Nutramigen Enfamil Pregestimil	No alternate product
Similac EleCare	Alfamino Infant	PurAmino	Neocate Infant Neocate Syneo
Similac Elecare Jr	Alfamino Junior	PurAmino Jr	Neocate Jr
Similac for Spit Up	No alternate product	Enfamil AR	No alternate product

\*Please be advised that there may be an increase in requests from Maryland WIC staff to verify alternate products to issue.

Additionally on February 28, 2022, Abbott voluntarily recalled one lot of **Similac PM 60/40** (lot # 27032K80 (can) /27032K800 (case)) manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan. Please contact the Abbott Metabolic and Similac PM 60/40 Hotline at 1-800-986-8755 for additional information or alternate product recommendations.

Thank for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of our Maryland WIC families.

Sincerely,

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