Louisiana WIC Program

2014 Final Food Rule Policy Changes

Topic	Old Policy	New or Revised Policy & Effective Date	Staff Actions Required
Definitions	• **WIC-eligible <u>Medical Foods</u>** - (for participants with qualifying conditions) certain enteral products that are specifically formulated to provide nutritional support for individuals with a qualifying condition, when the use of conventional foods is precluded, restricted, or inadequate. • **Maximum Monthly Allowance** – (for infant formula) the reconstituted fluid ounce amounts for liquid concentrate infant formula (based on a 13 oz. can) which formed the basis of substitution rates for other physical forms of infant formula (powder & RTF)	**<u>Effective 10-1-14</u>** • **WIC-eligible <u>Nutritionals</u>** – same definition, new name • **Maximum Monthly Allowance** - the revised maximum monthly allowance of liquid infant formula & RTF infant formula which is based on, and accommodates, recent changes in package size availability of liquid concentrate and RTF infant formula while still providing the full nutrition benefit. • **NEW - Full Nutrition Benefit** – the minimum amount of reconstituted fluid ounces of liquid concentrate infant formula as specified in the Infant table for each food package category and infant feeding category. • **NEW – Farmers' Market** – an association of local farmers who assemble at a defined location for the purpose of selling their produce directly to consumers.	CPA's must be familiar with the new and revised definitions

	Clarification of Partially Breastfeeding Terminology **Breastfeeding Woman** – (determined categorical eligibility) the practice of feeding a mother's breast milk to her infant on the average of at least once a day **Partially Breastfeeding Food Package –** a maximum quantity of formula that assumes the mother is substantially breastfeeding her infant **Fully Formula Feeding Package** – BF infants who are assessed to need more formula than is allowed under the food package for partially BF infants are assigned to the FFF package, even though the infant may be minimally BF	**Breastfeeding Woman** – no change **Partially (mostly) Breastfeeding Food Package –** "mostly" has been added to minimize confusion about food package issuance, as not all partially BF women receive a food package	CPA shall encourage substantial and continued BF to BF mothers requesting formula CPA's are expected to individually tailor the amount of infant formula based on the assessed needs of the BF infant & provide the minimum amount of formula that meets but does not exceed the infant's nutritional needs. **The Full Nutrition Benefit should not be used as the standard for issuance unless the mother is not BF the infant at all.**
Child CVV Amount	Child • 12-23 months $6.00 CVV • 24 months to 5 years $6.00 CVV	**Effective 6-1-14** Child • 12-23 months $8.00 CVV • 24 months to 5 years $8.00 CVV	• No CPA action required • PHAME will automatically default on 6-1-14
Milk	Children • 12-23 months – Whole Milk • 24 months to 5 years – 2%, 1%, or Skim milk Women – 2%, 1%, or Skim milk	**Effective 10-1-14** **Children** • **12-23 months – Whole Milk – NO CHANGE** • 24 months to 5 years – 1%, or Skim milk **Women** – 1%, or Skim milk **2% milk no longer allowed**, not even with a qualifying condition or Rx	• CPA's will need to enter a new Rx, with effective date of 10-1-14, for every woman and child > 24 months who will receive benefits for October and beyond. **A separate instruction sheet is available.** • FI's will not print for Oct. if a new Rx is not entered. ✓ Remember to move some of the foods on the FI's for Pregnant & BF women so that the FI's will load without error

Women – Pregnant AND Partially (mostly) BF	• Pregnant women with single pregnancy and women who are Partially BF an infant whose formula amount does not exceed the maximum allowance shall be prescribed Food Package V	**Effective 10-1-14** Pregnant women with single pregnancy **who are also** Partially (mostly) BF shall be prescribed Food Package VII – the Fully BF Food Package	• CPA must certify the participant as Pregnant • CPA must select "Preg/Multiples" when prescribing food package & a PHAME comment must be entered
Children on Soy	• **Children** who meet the criteria (documentation of qualifying medical condition) to receive soy beverage, in lieu of cow's milk or formula, shall receive the Child on Soy model food package: Cheese is not provide in the Soy Beverage Food package. • A completed physician's prescription or WIC-48 must be provided prior to prescribing this food package.	**Effective 10-1-14** **Children on Soy Beverage** **B.** Soy Beverage shall be issued to participants only when there is a true medical or nutritional need such as, **but not limited to**, milk allergy, lactose intolerance, and vegan diets. **C.** A full nutrition assessment shall be completed by the CPA and PHAME documentation is required. The CPA should probe further to validate a self-reported diagnosis and offer dietary guidance as outlined in Risk Code #355 (e.g. consuming smaller amounts of dairy at a time) and provide nutrition education on dietary sources of calcium other than dairy. Consult with the health care provider when warranted. **D.** Effective 10-1-14, the medical provider is no longer required to provide medical documentation (Rx) for children to receive the Soy Beverage (Milk). • **NOTE: Medical documentation is still required from the Medical Provider for children who receive soy Formula.** **E.** Lactose free or lactose reduced milk should be offered before non-dairy milk alternatives for children with lactose intolerance. Children who receive Soy Beverage, in lieu of cow's milk, shall receive the Child on Soy	• CPA must complete full nutrition assessment & enter a PHAME comment justifying the need for soy beverage

		model food package. Cheese is <u>not</u> provided in the Soy Beverage food package.	

Infant Foods for Women & Children - Food Package III	**Children with Special Dietary Needs**
	• Children who meet the criteria to receive Special Formula due to qualifying conditions must provide a physician's prescription and shall receive their age appropriate food package, **in addition to the special formula, if prescribed.**
	• **With physician documentation, 32 oz. infant cereal (four 8 oz. boxes) may be substituted for 36 oz. of breakfast cereal (only with Food Package III – Children on Special Formula)**. Infant fruits, vegetables, and meat (jar baby foods) are not provided for a child over one year old, regardless of the condition, per USDA Federal Regulations.
		<u>Effective 10-1-14</u>
		Children <u>and Women</u> with Special Dietary Needs
		• **Children** who meet the criteria to receive Special Formula or foods due to a qualifying medical condition must provide a physician's prescription and shall receive the age appropriate food package**, if prescribed, in addition to the special formula.**
		• **Women** who meet the criteria and have a qualifying medical condition to receive a Special Formula or Special Foods in Food Package III must provide a physician's prescription and shall receive the category specific supplemental food package for women.
		  • **Medicaid shall be the primary funding source of Special Formula when medically necessary for women**.
		• **Children and women** may receive 32oz. of dry infant cereal in lieu of 36oz. of breakfast cereal with a qualifying medical condition and documentation from the medical provider.
		• **Children and women** whose special dietary needs require the use of pureed foods may receive commercial jarred infant food fruits and vegetables in lieu of the Cash Value Voucher with a qualifying medical condition and documentation from the medical provider.
		  • Children may receive 128oz. (32 jars)
		  • Women may receive 160 oz (40 jars)
			• CPA must enter in Food Benefit Tab – Renewal Date, Qualifying Condition, Medical Provider
			• CPA must enter appropriate Rx –
			  - choose "infant cereal" in place of adult cereal in the drop down selection
			  - choose "infant fruit/veg in place of CVV

Infant 6-12 mo. on Standard Formula	Infants 6-12 months of age that receive a standard contract formula may not receive additional formula in lieu of infant foods (infant cereal, fruit, & vegetables) regardless if by caregiver request or by Medical Provider Rx	**Effective 10-1-14** Infants 6-12 months of age that receive a standard contract formula may receive additional standard contract formula in Food Package III, in lieu of infant foods (infant cereal, fruit, & vegetables), at the same maximum monthly allowance as infants ages 4-5 months of age of the same feeding option. **The infant must have a qualifying medical condition as specified in the requirements for medical documentation and/or valid prescription for special (exempt) formula. A prescription from the medical provider and PHAME documentation is required and is managed the same as an infant on Special Formula in Food Package III.**	• CPA must choose "Formula only" in PHAME Food Benefit tab Documentation box • CPA must also enter Renewal Date, Qualifying Condition, and Medical Provider in PHAME Food Benefit tab Documentation box
Infant Model Food Packages FNB vs MMA	• Maximum Formula Issuance for reconstituted powder or RTF formula	**Effective 10-1-14** • Revision of the Maximum Monthly Allowance amounts for liquid infant formula & RTF	• CPA must enter correct quantity from CPA Prescribe Guide for Rx to verify