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Dear Health Care Provider,

Based upon strong clinical evidence of health benefits, the Utah WIC Program firmly advocates exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of an infant's life. We fully encourage breast-feeding to continue for at least one year or longer, as mutually desired by the mother and infant. However, when a mother chooses to use infant formula for whatever reason, the Utah WIC Program will provide infant formulas.

Recently, Abbott has reduced the caloric content of *Similac Sensitive, Similac for Spit Up and Similac Total Comfort* to 19 kcal/oz. This lower caloric content does not meet the USDA WIC requirement of 20 kcal/oz. Thus, these three formulas are no longer primary contract formulas and can only be provided to WIC participants who have a completed Utah WIC Program Formula and Food Authorization Form (Enclosures) from their health care provider. These forms are effective immediately and need to be used when ordering any formula other than primary contract formulas which are *Similac Advance, Enfamil ProSobee and Enfagrow Soy (9-12 months)*.

When you have assessed that a condition exists which requires the use of a formula other than the primary contract formulas, we are requesting that you complete one of the enclosed Utah WIC Program Formula and Food Authorization Forms which have been updated to be effective immediately. These forms must be used to authorize any non-contract formula, exempt formula or medical food (PediaSure) when medically warranted. Completion of this form ensures that all of the USDA required information is provided to the local WIC clinic staff in a timely manner, preventing any delay in obtaining the product.

As your patients, who are WIC participants, visit the WIC clinic and require a new authorization form, the local WIC staff will provide them with an updated form to be completed by you or another licensed provider. This completed form can be returned to the WIC clinic by the participant at their next visit. The Utah WIC Program Formula and Food Authorization Form may be accessed on the Utah WIC website (<http://health.utah.gov/wic/healthCareProviders.php>), downloaded, copied by office staff and used, as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Respectfully,

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