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FROM: Kathleen Wayne
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SUBJECT: Ross Contract Infant Formula Food Packages

New food packages have been added to the system for the Ross contract infant formulas. Please refer to the updated "cheat sheets" that are being sent with this memo to determine the appropriate formula packages to prescribe for October. Once the food packages have been updated on your server, you should be able to access the new Food Package Index that lists all available packages.

When issuing food prescriptions for July, August and September, the Mead Johnson contract formulas should be prescribed. The Ross contract formulas should be used for all food packages with Prescription (start) dates of October 1 or later. For instance, a formula package issued on 9/28/07 with a 9/28/07 Prescription date should contain a Mead Johnson Enfamil formula. A package issued on 9/28/07 with a 10/28/07 Prescription date should contain a Ross Similac formula.

Please note that some of the packages that are currently available as "non-contract" formulas, (such as the Isomil Advance packages listed below,) will be deactivated as of 9/30/07. As of Oct. 1, 2007, the new Ross packages on the cheat sheets should be used as these will then be contract formulas. The new packages list the formula name as "Similac Isomil Advance" and they contain different numbers of cans.

ISOMIL ADVANCE - 25 - 32oz rff	9012
ISOMIL ADVANCE - 25 - 32oz rff/C	8219
ISOMIL ADVANCE - 25 - 32oz rff/C/J	8232
ISOMIL ADVANCE - 9 - 12.9oz powd	9050
ISOMIL ADVANCE - 9 - 12.9oz powd/C	9051
ISOMIL ADVANCE - 9 - 12.9oz powd/C/J	9052

The new food packages should be available on LA servers by July 17, 2007. If you do not see the new packages by that date or if you have questions about the appropriate formula packages to use, please contact Chris Blanchfield at (907) 465-8630.