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FROM: Kathleen Wayne
State WIC Director

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SUBJECT: Infant Formula Food Package Revisions (Enfamil Lipil and Prosobee Lipil)

New infant formula food packages have been created for **Enfamil Lipil** (concentrate and powder) and **Prosobee Lipil** (concentrate and powder). The ready-to-feed formulas have already been transitioned to the Lipil formulation. We were **not** able to create food packages that allow either Enfamil or Enfamil Lipil due to changes in package size and rebate amounts. This means that local agencies will have to decide which type of formula is appropriate to prescribe to each participant.

There will be a transition period of approximately six (6) months, during which the old "non-Lipil" packages or the new Lipil packages may be prescribed. This will provide time to transition participants gradually over to the Lipil formulas. It will also allow time for vendors to sell their inventory of the non-Lipil formulas. We recommend that LAs use the new Enfamil Lipil and Prosobee Lipil packages for infants who will begin their WIC certification during the transition period, if feasible.

When the new Enfamil Lipil and Prosobee Lipil food packages are available in the food package system, you will no longer need to request approval of ENPRs for these formulas **for infants. However, an ENPR for Enfamil Lipil or Prosobee Lipil is needed for participants older than one year.**

We recommend that local agencies closely monitor the types and quantities of infant formula available at local vendors during the transition period. If you determine that vendors are stocking more of the Lipil formulas than non-Lipil, you may need to prescribe the new food packages to more of your clients sooner. Most vendors are already stocking the Lipil formulas and they may sell their supplies of the non-Lipil formulas quickly. In addition, the non-Lipil Prosobee formulas will no longer be available from Mead Johnson after July 2006.

Enclosed are updated "cheat sheets" that provide information about the new food package numbers. Also enclosed is a handout we are providing to local agencies and vendors with information about the formula transition.

The IT staff will be doing updates to the Food Package tables the week of April 24-28, 2006. You will also be able to access the Food Package Index that lists all available on-site and MOV food packages by participant category. If you notice any errors, omissions or discrepancies, please notify Chris Kelly as soon as possible. If you do not see the revised packages available on your server by May 1, 2006, please advise Chris Kelly or Bart Goode.