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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: August 23, 2012

Action: _X___
Information: _X___
Policy: _X__

TO: X-LA Coordinators
X- LA Satellite Clinics

FROM: Kathleen Wayne, RD, MS, LD KC
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SUBJECT: New Infant Formula Contract

The WIC formula contract for soy –based formula has been awarded to the Mead Johnson company. Beginning October 1, 2012, infants requiring soy formula will need to receive Enfamil Prosobee. Similac Isomil will no longer be available.

The new food packages have been added to AKWIC. Please refer to the updated "cheat sheets" that are being sent with this memo to determine the appropriate formula packages to prescribe for October. The cheat sheets will so be available on the WIC website in the Local Agency section.

When issuing food prescriptions beginning in August and September, Similac Isomil should be prescribed. Enfamil Prosobee should be used for all food packages with prescription (start) dates of October 1 or later. For instance, a formula package issued on 9/28/12, with a 9/28/12 Prescription date should contain Similac Isomil. A package issued on 9/28/12 with a 10/28/12 Prescription (start) date should contain Enfamil Prosobee.

As of Oct. 1, 2012, the new Mead Johnson packages on the cheat sheets should be used as these will then be contract soy formulas. The new packages list the formula name as "Enfamil Prosobee" and they contain different numbers of cans.

Enfamil Prosobee 9- 12.6 cans powder	0432
Enfamil Prosobee 31- 13 oz cans concentrate	0833
Enfamil Prosobee 26-32 oz cans RTF	1571

The new food packages are available on LA servers as of August 1, 2012.

If you have questions about the appropriate formula packages to use, please contact Dana Kent at (907) 465-5322.