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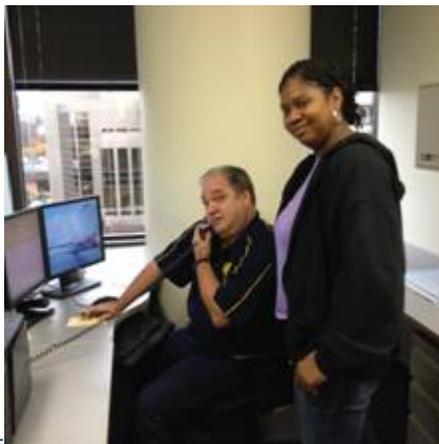
Hi Everyone,

Week two of the federal shutdown and I have no further information about potential funding as of November 1. States were asked by USDA and the National WIC Association (NWA) if caseloads have changed during the past two weeks. Please let me know if you have seen recent significant caseload changes. States have also been asked if client warrant redemption rates have changed. In some states, clients are redeeming their checks as soon as possible for fear there will not be food funds available after October 31. In Alaska, we have not seen changes to client's purchasing behaviors, but we will continue to monitor this.

I will keep you informed on any updates that I receive from USDA or NWA. You can also check the NWA website for updates at <https://www.nwica.org/>.

Take care,
Kathleen

1. EVS System---Medicaid transferred to a new computer system on October 1st and the old phone number doesn't work. Please call **Kristina M. Rice, Medical Assistance Administrator II, SOA DHSS, Ph: 907-334-2418, Fax: 907-561-1684, DSM email: akdhss.dhc_krice@direct.alaskahie.com**
2. PFD Button in AKWIC?---AFS noticed that the PFD button is missing in the income section of AKWIC. We will get that fixed this weekend---good catch Susan and staff.
3. RTU Mead Johnson Products (Enfamil Prosoabee, Enfamil AR and Gentlease): Walmart will no longer be stocking Mead Johnson formulas in the ready to use 32 oz size, which is the only size WIC provides. Although these formulas are not prescribed often, please let your clients receiving any of these ready to use formulas know that they will no longer be able to purchase them at Walmart. This is Walmart's decision- ready to use in the 32 oz size will still be available from other WIC authorized stores. This change only affects ready to use formula at Walmart. Please contact Jennifer Johnson at Jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov with any questions.



4. AK SPIRIT's Super Helpdesk Staff - Thank you to Shatawn Lawrence and Jeff Robnolte for providing excellent SPIRIT Helpdesk support during the first week of pilot---and beyond. Remember, Helpdesk contact information is 907-334-4900 and e-mail is wicspirithelpdesk@alaska.gov.
5. AKWIC/SPIRIT Checks--- The new WIC checks are in use in Anchorage and the Nome. The rules for using the participant booklet have not changed. The participant (parent, guardian)and any proxies must sign the booklet before using it in the store. After the sale price has been entered on the check at the register, the participant or proxy signs the check. The cashier compares the signature to the appropriate signature in the booklet.

If you get questions from Vendors: BOTH AKWIC and SPIRIT checks should be accepted at the register.

AKWIC checks are blue-gray, SPIRIT's are mint green.

- The same information is on both checks, although the layout is a little different.
- Cashiers should use the same procedures as usual during checkout –

- ✓ check the valid dates,
- ✓ enter the date and purchase amount,
- ✓ ask the participant to sign the check,
- ✓ compare the signature to the signature on the Food List/ID booklet
- ✓ the vendor stamp is added after the transaction has been completed.

The vendor's bank will route the checks appropriately to the correct payor.

The new checks only have the participant's name on them, but proxies/alternates must be listed on the ID booklet.

Important To Know:

Link found between moose meat and unborn baby's infection

<http://www.adn.com/2013/10/10/3119219/link-found-between-undercooked.html>

By Benjamin Brasch

Lauren Hamm's 34-week prenatal checkup was only supposed to be 10 minutes. But she left the hospital 96 hours later. Her son, born prematurely, didn't leave the neonatal intensive care unit for another three weeks. All because she had eaten a moose steak 10 weeks earlier. Medium rare.

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August 27, 2013

To: All State, Territory and Indian Tribal Organization WIC Programs

Subject: Ready to Use Change at Walmart

Walmart has informed us they made the decision to replace the Mead Johnson 32 oz. ready to use products with a Walmart-exclusive 4 pack of ready to use 8 oz. bottles (total of 32 fl. oz.) in most of their stores. Walmart will not carry the 6 pack of 8 oz. ready to use bottles.

The change will affect the following products:

Product Name	Unit UPC	TL Price Per 4-Pack	Monthly Allocation		
			0-3 Months	4-5 Months	6-11 Months
Enfamil Premium® Infant	300875107720	\$6.12	26 – 4 packs	28 – 4 packs	20 – 4 packs
Enfamil A.R.®	300875107805	\$6.12	26 – 4 packs	28 – 4 packs	20 – 4 packs
Gentlease®	300875107744	\$6.12	26 – 4 packs	28 – 4 packs	20 – 4 packs
ProSobee®	300875107782	\$6.12	26 – 4 packs	28 – 4 packs	20 – 4 packs

NOTE: This new package size will be at Walmart **only**. Please remind your participants who use the 8 oz. 6 pack or 32 oz. ready to use that they will not be able to redeem their food instruments at Walmart.

Timing

Walmart will be making the change to their retail shelves beginning on October 12, 2013.

Rebate Information

If your State is planning to issue food instruments for this size, please notify your Mead Johnson contract administrator for a new rebate sheet.

Other Retailers

There will be no changes to the availability of the 32 oz. or 8 oz. 6 packs of ready to use products at other retailers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Decker (812) 429-8758, Cheryl Cook (812) 429-5789 or Chris Shouse (812) 429-8613.

Thank you,

Director, WIC Business Team
Mead Johnson Nutrition