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Good Afternoon,
Thank you for all the work you do to provide support to our WIC families. It's important and valued work which makes a difference in families lives.

The State WIC office will be closed Monday, March 28 in honor of Seward's Day.
Enjoy your deserved weekend.
Take care.
Dana

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!!ACTION ITEM!!

Entering Adjunctive eligibility and Income

Beginning 4/1/2016: Enter income on all adjunctively eligible participants. The best way to do this is to:
1. Enter person with over-income last.
2: For all adjunctively eligible household participants, reenter their adjunctive eligibility before entering the income amount.
If you have questions or concerns, contact Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

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SPIRIT Updates:

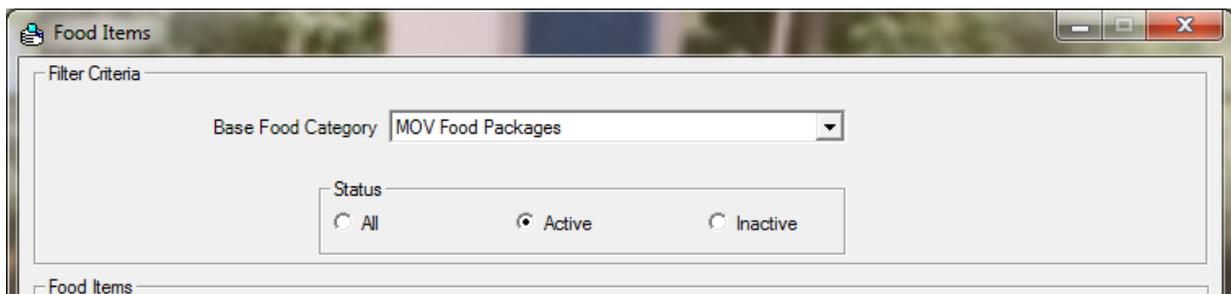
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New SPIRIT Service Provider Computer Security Agreement

An updated SPIRIT Service Provider Computer Security Agreement is attached to this email. Please use this form when requesting access to the SPIRIT system. The main update to the form is additional language clarifying that new SPIRIT Users must do the on-line SPIRIT training prior to getting access into SPIRIT. The new form will be available on the website next week.

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The following new MOV Food Items are now active and can be prescribed for to MOV clients:



Sort Order /	Food Item ID	Description	Active
5676	11142	MOV FP III - CHILDREN with INFANT FRUIT/VEGETABLE/CEREAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5677	11101	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5678	11102	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5679	11103	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 3 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5680	11104	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5681	11105	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 5 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5682	11106	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 6 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5683	11107	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5684	11108	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 8 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5685	11109	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 9 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5686	11110	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 10 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5687	11111	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5688	11112	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5689	11113	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5691	11114	MOV SIMILAC SENSITIVE - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5692	11115	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5693	11117	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 3 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5694	11116	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5695	11118	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5696	11119	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 5 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5697	11120	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 6 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5698	11121	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5699	11122	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 8 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5700	11123	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 10 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5701	11127	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5702	11126	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5703	11125	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5704	11124	MOV SIMILAC TOTAL COMFORT - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5705	11141	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5706	11140	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5707	11139	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5708	11138	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN W/SOLIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5709	11128	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 1 CAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5710	11129	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 2 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5711	11130	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 3 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5712	11131	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 4 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5713	11132	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 5 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5714	11133	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 6 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5715	11134	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 7 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5716	11135	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 8 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5717	11136	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 9 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5719	11137	MOV SIMILAC FOR SPIT UP - PWD - 12 OZ - 10 CANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>





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SPIRIT Tips and Reminders:

When sending or calling in an issue or question to the helpdesk please remember to provide the following information.

WIC ID
HOUSEHOLD ID
LOCAL AGENCY
CLINIC
ISSUE OR QUESTION
SCREEN SHOT (if applicable)

Remember to do a **STATEWIDE** search by **DOB** for any applicant first. You may also need to do additional statewide search on other criteria.

If your searches do not find the person, and you have reason to believe that the applicant might have been on WIC in Alaska before and the applicant isn't sure, please call the WIC SPIRIT Help Desk and ask them to research the applicant.

SPIRIT Help Desk Info:

Send all questions, issues and errors to the WIC SPIRIT Helpdesk at wicpsirithelpdesk@alaska.gov or phone them at 907-334-4900.

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CLINIC Information

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Immunization Posters

National Immunization Week is coming in April. In honor of this event the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership will be shipping out posters to all WIC locations across the state. Please display the poster in a prominent area in your clinic to educate families of infants and young children on the importance of timely immunizations. If you have questions, contact Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

Inventory Hold for Now

USDA has not sent out guidance for the depreciation section of the Inventory Report. Please keep the report until notified on how to complete this section of the report. If you have questions, contact Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

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Medicaid Approvals

Kristina Rice will be out on maternity leave starting March 23-May 31. For recipient eligibility questions, contact Xerox at 644-6800 and follow the prompts to be able to speak with a provider inquiry specialist to help determine adjunctive income eligibility.

New WIC screening tool-

Thank you to the MOAWIC program for helping to develop a state-wide screening tool. We have placed it out on the Alaska WIC web site at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/default.aspx>. Below is a copy of the web page with the screening tool at the top. Check it out!



WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. This public health program is designed to improve health outcomes and influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors in targeted, at-risk populations. Nutrition education is the cornerstone of the WIC Program.

Please use our [Eligibility Screening Tool](#) to check to see if you may qualify for WIC.
(This is not an application to WIC. You still need to visit your local WIC clinic to apply for WIC benefits.)

Approved Foods

-  [2015 State of Alaska WIC Approved Foods List \(effective June 1, 2015\)](#)
-  [2015 Approved Foods List Insert with Additional Approved Foods \(effective December 2015\)](#)

VENDOR

Working with Vendors in your Region

Reminder about the new formulas: If you're issuing the three new formulas, make sure you are working with the stores in your area so they're aware that people will be coming in with checks. There is a small stocking requirement for Similac Sensitive, but no stocking requirement for Total Comfort or Spit Up. We will review usage in April and see if these formulas are being issued in great enough quantities to require stocking requirements. Please contact Jennifer Johnson at 465-8104 with suggestions or questions.

On March 17, 2016, USDA issued this information about a Chicken of the Sea chunk light tuna recall:

SAN DIEGO – Bumble Bee Foods, LLC announced that it is voluntarily recalling 3 specific UPC codes of canned Chunk Light tuna due to process deviations that occurred in a co-pack facility not owned or operated by Bumble Bee. These deviations were part of the commercial sterilization process and could result in contamination by spoilage organisms or pathogens, which could lead to life-threatening illness if consumed.

For more information, click the following link: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm491107.htm>

Today, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Health, issued this statement:

DEC's Food Safety and Sanitation Program has not received positive confirmation from the manufacturer or any of the distributors in Alaska that we have contacts for that this product was received or distributed in Alaska. We can't definitively rule out that some distributors may have received it. Because this is a nationwide recall, as a precaution we strongly recommend that consumers check the UPC codes to ensure that the tuna they have is not part of this recall.

If you need more information about Food Recalls please visit the program's website at:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recallsalerts.html>

The Vendor Management Unit has confirmed that the Chicken of the Sea chunk light tuna

distributed to WIC Mail Out Vendor (MOV) participants is from batches produced prior to the dates of the recalled tuna.

NICE TO KNOW

Snacking handouts:

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/sites/default/files/tentips/DGTipsheet13CutBackonSweetTreats.pdf>

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/sites/default/files/tentips/DGTipSheet24MyPlateSnackTipsforParents.pdf>

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Grant Opportunity

The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

PRIORITY: Preterm birth risk reduction such as tobacco cessation, use of 17P, group prenatal care, QI program to catalyze systems change and more

AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$8,000

NUMBER OF AWARDEES: 1 or 2

DUE: By 4:00pm on April 22nd, 2016

GRANT YEAR: June 1st, 2016 through May 31st, 2017

APPLICATION LENGTH: No more than 15 double-spaced pages, 12 point font, one-inch margins

For more information contact:

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- [AK March of Dimes RFP Application 2016.pdf](#)

Success Story from a staff member at YKHC; Monsurat (Bukky) Ojikutu. Thanks Bukky for sending this to Jennifer! It's another great example of Baby Behavior in the works. ☺

While recertifying a breastfeeding mom about 4 weeks ago, she mentioned that she was partially breastfeeding her infant. Her reasons for giving the bottle include the following:

- "My baby is always hungry. I know this because he's always crying and when I give him the bottle (whether the bottle contains breast milk or formula) he drinks down the whole bottle. Yet he's still hungry because he still cries afterwards".
- "I have also noticed that most times when he cries and I give him the bottle (whether bottle contains breast milk or formula), he drinks it just fine. But he doesn't always suck when he's at the breast".
- "I pump and store in the freezer but since my breast milk is good in the freezer **FOR ONLY ONE DAY**, I have to make sure I feed him the entire pumped milk before the end of the day".
- "I feel like I make enough breast milk (for the most part) with the exception of times when baby still seems hungry

and would cry after feeds. That is when I give him formula. He also drinks all down and still cries afterwards”.

During the PCE session, I used the information that I gleaned from the Baby Behavior Training Module to help client identify the underlying issues and also come up with a solution:

- Client was able to realize that babies cry to communicate their needs....therefore crying is not always an indication that a baby is hungry. In fact, crying is not the best time to feed your baby. Paying attention to their feeding cues helps us to know when they are hungry and prevents them from reaching the “crying stage”.
- CLIENT ADMITTED THAT THINGS WOULD BE EASIER IF BABIES COULD TALK....BUT SHE WOULD RUN OUT OF THE DOOR IF HER BABY DID!
- We discussed that overstimulation can cause a baby to cry; we discussed factors that cause over stimulation. Interestingly, client was able to relate to a few of those factors.
- Client became aware (and was pretty surprised to learn) that breast milk can be stored for **longer than one day**. Other tips were also discussed for storing breast milk.
- She was able to identify that most bottle-fed babies will continue to gulp down an entire bottle if they are continuously fed.
- She was able to realize that if proper care is not taken (if the bottle is held upside down, even one with a slow flow nipple) most babies are left with no choice but to gulp down everything in their bottle in order to protect their airway.
- She also realized that breast-fed babies actually have the choice to decide whether or not they want to suck (depending on whether or not they're hungry).

In conclusion, client was so thrilled to learn all these information that she immediately decided she was going to fully breastfeed her baby! She's extremely happy about her decision too. She was referred to our BFPC for further counseling. Our plan is to continue to follow up on client's progress.

FOOD RECALL

Not a WIC item but as an FYI-

- DEC's Food Safety and Sanitation Program has confirmed the Alaska distribution of a recently recalled product. Gerber Products Company is voluntarily recalling specific Organic pouch products after identifying a packaging defect that may result in product spoilage during transport and handling. There have been three consumer reports of temporary gastrointestinal symptoms, however, the company has been unable to confirm that these are related to the product.

If you need more information about Food Recalls please visit the program's website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recallsalerts.html>.

- <http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/gerber-recalls-pouches-of-organic-baby-food-after-finding-packaging-defect/38693268>

World Breastfeeding Week Link

Here is a link to this year's World Breastfeeding Week theme and resources. World Breastfeeding is celebrated during the first week in August. Now's a great time to be planning your activities! Stay tuned for more information and ideas from the Alaska WIC Breastfeeding Committee. The theme this year is: “Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development.”

[Breastfeeding: A key to Sustainable Development](#)