

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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Dear Health Care Partner,

The Maryland WIC Program thanks you for your continued support of breastfeeding, which is Maryland WIC's first recommendation for infant feeding.

As you know, Maryland WIC also provides infant formula and medical nutritionals. While the infant formula shortage continues for some specialty products on the market, our standard milk-based and soy-based contract formulas are being adequately stocked in Maryland. This communication is to inform you after December 31, 2022 Maryland WIC will resume offering only Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder or 13 oz concentrate and Similac Soy Isomil 12.4 oz powder or 13 oz concentrate to our participants.

If a formula from another manufacturer is needed due to a medical reason, the <u>Maryland WIC</u> <u>Medical Documentation Form</u> can be completed and submitted for review and approval.

Additionally, Abbott Nutrition has decided to discontinue production of Similac for Spit Up. Maryland WIC will honor a Maryland WIC Medical Documentation Form with added rice starch formula with appropriate medical diagnosis.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of our Maryland WIC families.

Sincerely,

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Director

Maryland WIC Program