

Ordering Formula from the State

- I. In situations where the individual is eligible for both WIC and Medicaid benefits, Medicaid is the primary payor. The formula is provided by a Medicaid enrolled medical supply company, as long as the member meets policy criteria and the nutritional service is a covered benefit. In all other circumstances, WIC is the primary payor and provider.
 - a. Have the participant work directly with Medicaid and their health care provider if they have questions about meeting policy criteria and covered nutritional services.
 - b. WIC continues to be a supplemental program. See food package policy for maximum formula amounts provided by WIC and allowed by USDA policy.
 - c. A participant, caregiver, medical supply company, Medicaid, healthcare provider or someone working under their supervision can provide verbal confirmation that Medicaid denied coverage. This is acceptable to confirm that WIC is the primary payor and provider of formula.
- II. Issuing state ordered formula and/or WIC eligible nutritional only:
 - a. Select the “Special Diet” check box. Enter medical documentation information from the Formula and Food Authorization Form (FAFAF) under Documentation.
 - b. Select “State Ordered Formula 0-5 mos” “State Ordered Formula 6-11 mos” “State Ordered Formula 9-11 mo CVB + Jars” “State Ordered Formula 1-2 yr Child Standard” “State Ordered Formula 2-5 yr Child Standard” “State Ordered Formula No Food” When selecting the children and women Model Food Package from the drop down list choose according to the participant’s category, breastfeeding description, and what type of category of formula they are receiving (21, 31, or 41). Refer to the current Product Guide to determine if the formula is 21, 31, or 41. Change the category as needed.
 - c. If an infant is partially breastfeeding out-of-range and receiving state ordered formula, select “State Ordered Formula 0-5 mos” and change the quantity from “1” to “2.” This will move the infant out-of-range and allow the mom to receive a postpartum package if the infant is less than 6 months of age.
 - d. The “Direct Ship” check box must be selected in the food package grid. This allows the VISION system to recognize that the participant is receiving a state ordered formula benefit.
- III. Issuing state ordered formula and complementary foods:

- a. Select the “Special Diet” check box. Enter medical documentation information from the Formula and Food Authorization Form (FAFAF) under Documentation.
 - b. Select an appropriate model food package with the desired complementary foods.
 - c. Add desired 21, 31, 41 State Ordered Formula to the food package category. Refer to the current Product Guide to determine if the formula is 21, 31, or 41.
 - d. The “Direct Ship” check box must be selected in the food package grid. This allows the VISION system to recognize that the participant is receiving a state ordered formula benefit without actually receiving formula benefits on the eWIC card. Once the package has been verified, the package must be issued. Only non-State Ordered formula benefits will issue since the “Direct Ship” box was checked.
- IV. Issuing state ordered formula and/or WIC eligible nutritional in children’s package:
- a. Select the “Special Diet” check box. Enter medical documentation information from the Formula and Food Authorization Form (FAFAF) under Documentation.
 - b. Select an appropriate model food package with the desired foods this may or may not be the Model Food Package for State Ordered Formula.
 - c. Add the appropriate category 41 WIC-Eligible Medical Foods (WEMF), 31 Exempt Formula or 21 Standard Formula. Then add the subcategory State Ordered Formula to the food package. Refer to the current Product Guide to determine if the formula is 21, 31, or 41.
 - d. The “Direct Ship” check box must be selected in the food package grid. This allows the VISION system to recognize that the participant is receiving a state ordered formula benefit without actually receiving formula benefits on the eWIC card. Once the package has been verified, the package must be issued. Only non-State Ordered formula benefits will issue since the “Direct Ship” box was checked.
- V. Steps for Ordering Special Formula in SharePoint
- a. When ordering exempt formulas or medical products, enter the following information into the WIC SharePoint site.

- i. Participant ID
- ii. Participant DOB
- iii. Participant first/last name
- iv. Clinic CPA/Alternate
- v. Clinic Name
- vi. Issuance period (First and Last Day of issuance Period)
- vii. Specific amount of formula prescribed (i.e., 3 cans per day) a range is not appropriate); WIC Max or Full WIC Provision is not an allowed option for amount.
- viii. Formula Product name (specify flavor, size if applicable)
- ix. Formula Product Quantity; may be completed or left blank for State RD to complete (amount must include modulators and cannot exceed maximum monthly allowance or MMA).
 - x. Medicaid default to No (change if necessary)
 - xi. Tube fed default to No (change if necessary)
 - xii. New Client
 - xiii. Plan/comments, flavor, extra in clinic etc.
- b. For either a partial or full month's issuance, the quantity entered into SharePoint must be based on the physician's order on the FAFAF (oz/day or cans/day), including modulators, not exceeding the USDA maximum monthly allowance or MMA.
- c. The state RD staff reviewing the orders submitted by local CPA staff shall consult with the local CPA staff prior to making any changes that were entered in the original order in Special Formula of SharePoint and before submitting in the "Ordered" status. If the local CPA left the "Formula Product Quantity" field blank in the original order, the state RD shall determine and enter the quantity amount without consulting the local CPA.
- d. If the local CPA who entered the Special Formula Order Form has any questions about the order or formula amount, the State RD indicated in the State Staff Section shall be contacted for clarification. If the State RD is not available, then the State Nutrition Coordinator shall be contacted for clarification.

VI. Steps for Receiving

- a. Upon receipt of state ordered formula from the pharmacy, document the following:
 - i. Date/amount formula was received
 - ii. Client first name
 - iii. Client last name
 - iv. Participant ID
 - v. Product name
 - vi. Product amount

- vii. Issuance Period
 - viii. Expiration dates on all packaging (Do not accept formula that expires within 90 days).
 - ix. Signature of WIC staff verifying amount and product received was correct based on original order.
 - x. Once the order has been verified as correct put the clinic received date in SharePoint using the calendar and the order status will automatically update to Clinic Received.
 - b. The pharmacy will accept formula returns if it is damaged or mistakenly issued by the pharmacy. The pharmacy will also accept returned formula that is no longer needed as long as it has not left the clinic and will not expire within 90 days.
- VII. Storage: Adequate storage is required that minimizes the danger of loss due to theft, infestation, fire, spoilage, or other causes.
 - a. Unopened liquid or powder should be kept at room temperature.
 - b. Storage area should be free of pests.
 - c. Formula should be stored in a locked cabinet or locked room with limited access to minimize the danger of loss or theft.
- VIII. Loss/Theft Formula Reporting: Local agencies only hold small quantities of formula from the time the pharmacy delivers the product to the time the participant picks up the product. Monthly orders are done for each participant with monthly pick-ups.
 - a. Call the State Office to report any loss or theft of formula.
 - b. Document in the participant's order in SharePoint, under the Plan/Comment section what has occurred.
- IX. Steps for Issuing
 - a. Upon issuing state ordered formula document the following:
 - i. Date formula was issued to client
 - ii. Signature of WIC staff issuing formula to client
 - iii. Signature of client
 - iv. Product name
 - v. Product amount
 - vi. Product expiration date
 - vii. Issuance Period
 - b. Proration will be done in the local WIC clinic.

- i. Include the day you issue the prorated formula when calculating how many days the product is needed for. There are 2 methods that can be used with prorating product.
 - 1. Proration method 1: Proration is based on the number of days remaining in the issuance period if the issuance period is from the 1st day of the month to the last day of the month.
 - 2. Proration method 2: Staff may choose to provide the entire month's allowance and adjust the beginning issuance date for the next issuance period. The next month's issuance period will change to the date the participant picked up the formula if this method is chosen. The end date will be 30 or 31 days from pick up, depending on the month (28 or 29 in February).
- c. Proration must be documented. Staff may document proration on paper formula logs, in VISION, using an electronic tracking form, or another documentation method that is used in the clinic.
- d. It is allowed to issue the current issuance period and the next issuance period at the same appointment when:
 - i. state ordered formula is issued to the participant for the first time; and/or
 - ii. state ordered formula is issued to the participant late into the current month's issuance period and you use 'Proration method 1'.

X. Steps for Returning Formula

- a. If a product is no longer needed and/or was never picked up by the participant, use the Return Formula Form in SharePoint. It is best practice to return as soon as possible, once the formula is deemed no longer necessary. Do not use this form if there was an error in the pharmacy delivery, such as wrong product/flavor. Email all state RDs regarding errors in pharmacy deliveries.
 - i. Go into Special Formula.
 - ii. Search for the client whose order needs to be returned.
 - iii. Click on the pencil/paper edit button to open the order.
 - iv. On the bottom there is a Return Formula button-click on it.
 - v. The red asterisks show (*) the slots that need to be completed.
 - 1. Staff Name: The staff person putting the return order in.
 - 2. Formula Product Name: auto-populated.
 - 3. Quantity: Number of cans returning.
 - 4. Earliest Expiration Date: The soonest expiration date on the container (needs to be at least 90 days out).
 - 5. Add'l Formula Product Name: auto-populated.
 - 6. Quantity: Number of cans returning.

7. Reason for Return/Comments: Reason the product is being returned or any additional comments for state RD staff/pharmacy.
- vi. If the original special formula order had two products ordered, both will be auto-populated into the return section. If only the second product is being returned, a 0 in the quantity box for the first product must be entered (a required field).

XI. Ordering for Participant Not Currently Certified

- a. Under rare circumstances formula may be ordered for a participant who is not currently certified on the program; this will always require State Office RD approval.
 - i. Participant must have a scheduled appointment to certify or recertify on the program.
 - ii. Clinic can verify the participant is an active Medicaid recipient.
 - iii. Participant must have a qualifying medical condition putting them at risk and in Food Package III.
 - iv. Formula must not be issued to the client until they are active on the WIC Program.

XII. Home Deliveries

- a. Under rare circumstances formula may be delivered to a participant's home who is not able to pick up their formula from the local WIC clinic. This will always require State Office RD approval.
 - i. Participant situation must demonstrate substantial hardship to travel to the WIC clinic (i.e. medically fragile participant, lack of transportation, etc.).
 - ii. Clinic staff should first see if the participant has support people or proxies that could pick up the formula.
 - iii. Approval for home deliveries will be handled on a case-by-case basis.