

Summary of Arkansas Policy Changes FY2013 By Major Headings in Table of Contents

Certification

- -WIC-16 deletes statement about extending certification period to the end of the month of 5th birthday.

Income Assessment

- -WIC-21 adds the new income assessment conversion factors effective July 1, 2012.

Residency Assessment

- -WIC-25 adds reference to the Facility Compliance Agreement.

Breastfeeding

- -WIC-46 adds program integrity statement to guide CPAs when issuing breast pumps.

Food Packages

- -WIC-51 adds clarification statement on soy-based beverage food package issuance of cheese.
- -WIC-53 revises contract formula manufacturer and standard formulas provided.
- -WIC-54 revises list of medical conditions that may qualify a special formula to be approved for 6 months, rather than 3 months.
- -WIC-55 adds a timeframe (within 2 days of receipt) for scanning special formula documents into SPIRIT record. Revises length of time a new prescription must be secured from physician/APN to 3 months or 6 months depending on diagnosis.
- -WIC-55-WIC-56 revises special formulas provided by Arkansas WIC by formula manufacturer name. Adds timeframe (within 2 days of receipt) for scanning special formula medical documentation into participant record. Adds clarifying statement that electronic prescriptions with electronic signatures are acceptable.
- -WIC-57-WIC-58 revises contract formula manufacturer listed in infant food packages from Mead Johnson to Nestle Gerber.
- -WIC-60 clarifies juice is single strength on child food packages.
- -WIC-61-WIC-64 deletes 11.5 oz. non-frozen concentrate on food packages.
- -WIC-64 adds additional guidance for the issuance of soy beverage food packages.
- -WIC-68 adds additional guidance for the issuance of acidophilus milk food packages.
- -WIC-72 adds additional guidance for the issuance of lactose free milk food packages.
- -WIC-76 deletes 16 oz nonfat dry milk and adds 25.6 oz dry milk unit equivalents.

Food Delivery

- -WIC-80 revises contract formula manufacturer from Mead Johnson to Nestle Gerber.
- -WIC-85 deletes formula manufacturer names under Formula Inventory Management.
- -WIC-86 clarifies the separation of duties example for proper control of formula stock.
- -WIC-87 adds statement regarding PO numbers used in ordering Mead Johnson formulas.
- -WIC-87-WIC-89 revises/clarifies process for handling damaged formula from Mead Johnson, Abbot and Nutricia orders.

Civil Rights

- -WIC-98 updates the USDA contact information needed to file a Civil Rights complaint.

Complaints, Abuse and Fair Hearings

- -WIC-99 adds program integrity statement to definition of abuse.
- -WIC-100 adds reference to Vendor Participation Agreement and Handbook to Vendor Abuse section.
- -WIC-107 adds program integrity statement to description of abuse sanction table.

Outreach

- -WIC-112 adds reference to Facility Compliancy Agreement available for printing when assessing homeless facilities or shelters.
- -WIC-113 updates USDA contact information needed to file a complaint of discrimination.

WIC Management Evaluations

- -WIC-114-WIC-115 revises the number of records reviewed during a WIC management evaluation and changes the timeframe for submitting reports and corrective action plans from 30 days to 60 days. Revises the number of days the Management Evaluation Team has to inform the LHU if a corrective action plan is acceptable from 10 days to 15 days.

Appendices

- -APP-3-APP-6 adds program integrity statements to rights and responsibilities list of abuse examples. Spanish translation is forthcoming.
- -APP-6 revises the WIC income guidelines and income conversion factors (will be replaced by ADH Transmittal out for approval which will replace ADH yellow memo #14).

- -APP-8 revises contract and exempt/special formula prorating example and reconstitution table due to change in infant formula contract and special formulas provided by Arkansas WIC Program effective October 1, 2012.
- -APP-9-APP-12 revises contract prorating tables due to change in infant formula contract.
- -APP-13-APP-15 revises the Arkansas WIC Approved Contract and Exempt/Special Formula Tables which serve as a guide regarding medical diagnosis, rationale and appropriate use by age for all formulas provided by Arkansas WIC Program.
- -APP-35-APP-90 provides an updated table of risk factor definitions required for implementation no later than October 1, 2012 by USDA. Revises the definitions for thyroid disorders and inborn errors of metabolism for all participant types; revises definitions for underweight/at risk of underweight, overweight/at risk for overweight, short stature/at risk for short stature for infant and child participant types; adds new risk factor of high weight-for-length (Infants and Children <24 months of age); and adds risk factor obese (Children 2-5 yrs. of age).
- -APP-99 updates contact information on Mead Johnson Nutritionals Credit Request for Outdated or Unsalable Product form.

Form Revisions

- -WIC-75 WIC Approved Food list revised.
- -New Facility Compliance Form added (number not assigned yet).
- -WIC-50 changes the list of contract formulas from Mead Johnson to Nestle Gerber.
- -WIC-51 (Special Formula Request) revised due to new infant formula contract and new special formulas provided by Arkansas WIC effective October 1, 2012.
- -WIC-52 (Special Formula Order Form) revised due to changes in infant formulas provided by Arkansas WIC effective October 1, 2012.
- -WIC-56 (Drop-Shipped Formula Monthly Report) revised due to infant formula changes provided by Arkansas WIC effective October 1, 2012.
- -WIC-57 (Returned Formula Monthly Report) revised due to infant formula changes provided by Arkansas WIC effective October 1, 2012.
- -WIC-43,WIC-44 and WIC-47 will be deleted (postcards no longer used due to HIPPA concerns)