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Dear Medical Provider:

Beginning August 1, 2009, the WIC program will be implementing a revised food package for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age five years. The food package changes are due to new WIC Federal requirements and reflect current nutrition knowledge. The new packages will contain foods that have less saturated fat, cholesterol, total fat and sodium than the current food packages and will have additional choices to appeal to a more diverse WIC population.

I am sending you a copy of the memo from the MDCH WIC Program which gives an overview of the new food package and the new documentation forms that will be required. Please note that **effective 8/1/2009** the following guidelines will apply:

- **We can no longer accept a physician's prescription form for a special formula.** A Michigan WIC Program Medical Documentation for WIC Formula and Authorized WIC Foods form (DCH-1326 or DCH-1327) must be completed and signed by the medical provider. The medical documentation must include:
 - WIC formula, including amount needed per day (must not exceed the maximum allowance)
 - authorized supplemental foods and their prescribed amounts
 - Physical form of formula ****Ready-to-feed (premixed) formula can only be selected under special conditions (documented unsanitary or restricted water supply, poor refrigeration, infant's caretaker having difficulty in correctly diluting powder or liquid concentrate formula, or the product is only manufactured in ready-to-feed form.**
 - length of use (maximum of 6 months; must be renewed after that)
 - qualifying conditions
 - signature, date and contact information of the health care provider
- Infants, women and children over age one year must have a qualifying condition in order to receive a special WIC formula or a non-standard variation of WIC-eligible foods (i.e. substitute whole milk for low fat, cheese substitution for milk). The Michigan WIC Authorized Formulas list is included.
- Qualifying Conditions are listed on the second (back) page of the Medical Documentation form. Non-Qualifying Conditions include non-specific formula or food intolerance, diagnosed formula intolerance or food allergy to lactose, sucrose, milk protein or soy protein that does not require use of an exempt infant formula, or solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight without an underlying qualifying condition.

The required medical documentation forms can be accessed from the front page of our website www.lchd.org. Please call the WIC office at (517) 546-5459 if you have additional questions about the new food package.

Sincerely,

Susan Worek, RN, BSN
WIC Coordinator

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