

## **4.03 Ready-to-Feed Infant Formula**

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### **POLICY:**

The local agency may issue ready-to-feed formula to participants who show a need.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Out-of-Date Formula:** Formula is considered out-of date on the first day of the month labeled as the expiration date.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **A. Issuance of Ready-to-Feed Formula (RTF) for infant formula, exempt infant formula and WIC-eligible medical foods.**

Ready-to-feed infant formula may be issued in place of concentrated liquid or powdered formula if the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) determines and documents that:

1. The participant's household has an unsanitary or restricted water supply. This includes a water supply which has a high iron or high lead content.
  - Since county health departments and the West Virginia State Laboratory are allowed to charge a fee for testing water, no documentation of an unsanitary water supply is required. Ready-to-feed formula may be issued based upon self-reported information.
2. There is poor refrigeration.
  - In a case of inadequate refrigeration, powdered formula may be an alternative if the caregiver is able to properly mix one bottle per feeding.
3. The person who is caring for the infant may have difficulty in correctly diluting concentrated liquid or powdered forms.
4. The WIC infant formula is only available in ready to feed forms.

#### **B. Food Package III, additional conditions which may be used to issue RTF for women, infants and children with qualifying medical conditions**

In addition to the above requirements, there are two additional conditions which may be used to issue RTF in Food Package III:

1. If ready-to-feed formula better accommodates the participant's condition or;
2. If it improves the participant's compliance in consuming the prescribed WIC formula.

