

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WV WIC PROGRAM'S PRESCRIPTION FORMULA FORM WIC-53

Effective October 1, 2009, the WIC Program will no longer accept prescription pads for issuance of formula for any reason. Also, WIC is now able to provide additional foods and soy beverages. This instruction sheet is to help you serve your patients better. Please review these instructions and if you have any questions, please contact your local WIC office.

SECTION A:

- Please include the patient's full name and date of birth.
- Caregiver's Name- Parent or Guardian's Full name.
- Medical Reason- Must be documented and valid.
- Time Needed- Documented for up to 6 months for all formulas, including premature formulas.

SECTION B:

- Include the exact name of the formula or medical food that is prescribed.
- Enter the number of ounces of formula currently taking. This is important, especially for the partially breastfed infants.
- Please mark which form of formula you request. Understand that not all requests for RTF will be granted.
- Supplemental Foods: This is a new category. Please understand that if a child is not eligible to receive any additional foods beyond the formula or medical food, please mark the "No Supplemental Foods". Otherwise, mark only the foods that you **DO NOT WANT** included for the participant. WIC will provide the standard allowed amount of each item you prescribe. By marking those foods not allowed, we have eliminated the circumstance of a participant marking foods that you as the physician do not want. We cannot reduce the quantity of any food items.

SECTION C:

- Children over the age of 1 are now eligible to receive a soy based beverage. The soy beverage approved for WV WIC is "8th Continent Original". For a child to receive this food item in place of milk, you must fill out this section with the proper qualifying condition.

SECTION D:

- Sign your name, print your name below and fill out the medical office information.
- Do not forget to date this form at the end of this section.

Again, all appropriate sections of this form must be completed and signed before the requested formula or medical food can be issued to the participant. Starting October 1, 2009, please use this form and destroy all old forms. If the WIC office receives an old form, they will honor it, but we will have to call your office to clarify if additional foods are allowed as age appropriate. This could delay the issuance of the requested formula.