

VI. FOOD FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Food funds management involves monitoring cost containment measures and procedures related to infant formula and other food items, the monitoring and management of State agency funding sources, and the accurate reporting of participation figures.

A. *Cost Containment Measures - 246.4(a)(14)(x)*: describe the policies and procedures used to implement cost containment measures as they relate to infant formula contracts, their approval and the processing of infant formula and/or other rebates, and food package cost containment practices.

B. *Funds Monitoring/798 Reporting - 246.4(a)(12)and (a) (14)*: describe the State agency's funding sources, how food obligations are calculated to allow for inflation, rebate cash management, and monthly closeout monitoring activities.

C. *Participation Reporting - 246.4(a)(11)(i)*: describe the methods used to accurately document and monitor participation at the State and local level, and methods for monitoring changes in participation by priority.

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1. The State agency seeks FNS approval related to infant formula cost containment measures (check one):

- for a waiver of the requirement for a single-supplier competitive system. State agency must complete a cost comparison projecting food cost savings in the single-supplier competitive system based on the lowest monthly net price or highest monthly rebate (as required in Section 246.16a(c)(3)(iii)) and savings under an alternative cost containment system, Section 246.16a(d)(2)(B)
- to issue an infant formula bid solicitation that evaluates bids by highest rebate. A State agency must demonstrate to FNS' satisfaction that the weighted average retail prices for different brands of infant formula in the State vary by 5% or less, Section 246.16a(c)(3)(iii)
- X not applicable

Please attach in the appendix supporting documentation for requests for FNS approval.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: Food Funds Management Appendix and/or Procedure Manual citation:

2. Cost Containment Contracts for Infant Formula

a. The State agency has a rebate contract/agreement for infant formula.

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| X <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| | If yes, attach contract in Appendix | | If no, check which applies:
<input type="checkbox"/> granted waiver
<input type="checkbox"/> ITO with participation under 1,000 |

b. The State agency acquires infant formula through (check all that apply):

- home food delivery system
- direct distribution food delivery system
- X retail food delivery system
- X other (specify): CAP Formula Warehouse

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- c. **The duration of the contract or rebate agreement(s) in effect is:**
For a single-supplier system or multi-supplier: Date contract/agreement:

Manufacturer	Began	Expires	Extensions
Abbott Laboratories (Ross Products Division)	10/1/07	9/30/2010	3 one year extensions through 9/30/2013

- d. **Current fiscal year rebates and current net price per can paid (note the price should reflect current prices rather than original contract prices and rebate amounts):**

Product	Manufacturer	Rebate/Unit	Net price/Unit	% Discount
Liquid Concentrate (13 oz)	Ross			
Milk-Based: Sim Adv Early Shield	Ross	3.6250	.2850	92.7110
Sim Advance	Ross	3.6250	.2850	92.7110
Sim Sensitive	Ross	3.9866	.3134	92.7111
Soy-based Isomil Advance	Ross	4.0350	.2650	93.8372
Other				
Powder (specify unit size)				
Milk-based Sim Adv 12.9 oz	Ross	11.0520	01.1780	90.3679
Milk-based Sim Adv 12.9 oz Early Shield	Ross	11.0520	01.1780	90.3679
Sim Sensitive 12.9 oz	Ross	11.9195	1.2705	90.3678
Sim Sensitive RS 12.9 oz	Ross	11.9195	1.2705	90.3677
Soy-based Isomil Adv 12.9 oz	Ross	11.8620	01.3280	89.9318
Other				
Ready to Feed (specify unit size)				
Milk-based Sim Adv 32 oz	Ross	3.0400	2.5100	54.7748
Sim Adv Early Shield 32 oz	Ross	3.0400	2.5100	54.7748
Sim Sensitive 32 oz	Ross	2.9045	2.3955	54.8024
Sim Sensitive RS 32 oz	Ross	2.7500	2.5100	52.2814
Soy-based Isomil Adv 32 oz	Ross	02.9045	02.3955	54.8019

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Other				
Exempt Formula (specify)				

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e. The percent of infants receiving each type of formula is estimated at:

Contract

Milk-based liquid concentrate	5.99%
Soy-based liquid concentrate	1.97%
Milk-based powdered	39.26%
Soy-based powdered	11.06%
Milk-based ready-to-feed	1.31%
Soy-based ready-to-feed	.49%
Other contract infant formula	30.96%

(including lactosefree milk-based)

Non-contract

Exempt infant formula	8.96%
Non-exempt infant formula	

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3. The State agency's infant formula rebate solicitation/contract contains the following provisions (check all that apply):

- Does not apply (granted waiver or ITO with participation under 1000)
- Establishes the contractor's responsibility to provide sufficient quantities of products covered by contract to all authorized WIC vendors in the State.
- Requires contractor to provide a rebate on all infant formulas it produces that the State agency chooses to issue, except exempt infant formulas
- Specifies that the rebate reflects the same percentage discount on the manufacturer's lowest national wholesale cost as the corresponding physical form (i.e., liquid concentrate) for which bids were received.
- Requires manufacturer to adjust for price changes subsequent to the bid opening. The provision requires a cent-for-cent increase and decrease (decrease applies only to solicitations released after 10/1/04) in the rebate amounts whenever there is any change in the lowest national wholesale price for a full truckload of a particular infant formula.
- Specifies that the contractor shall pay the rebate in effect on the day the participant actually transacts the food instrument (regardless of the food instruments' issuance date).

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- X Requires payment of rebates on all infant formula purchased while contract is in effect, even though the contract may be void at the time payment is due.
- X Requires advance payment of rebates, at least during the fourth quarter of each Federal fiscal year, to facilitate the State agency's cash flow situation.
- X Stipulates sanctions for unfulfilled contract obligations (e.g., if payment is not made within 30 days of the invoice date, the contractor will pay the State agency with interest, at a rate specified in the contract, on the unpaid balance until such time as payment is made over and above the amount due from infant formula rebate.)
- X Includes an extension option for a specified length of time. Terms and conditions of extension person(s) are specified in the request for bids and contract.
- X Addresses billing discrepancies. Prohibits contractor from withholding rebate payments due under any circumstances. All disputes must be settled by closeout of the fiscal year in which the dispute occurred.

4. For infant formula rebate solicitations issued on or after October 1, 2004, the following applies:

If single solicitation (for both milk- and soy-based formulas), State agency serves a monthly average of less than 100,000 infants during preceding 12-month period.

Yes No

If no, requested separate bids for milk- and soy-based formulas. Yes No

Is solicitation for a State alliance? X Yes No

If yes, the size of alliance must be no more than 100,000 infants as of October 1, 2003, unless:

X Alliance existed prior to July 1, 2004 and has not added additional State agencies,

Alliance expanded to include an ITO, or

Alliance expanded to include a State agency(ies) that serves less than 5,000.

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5. Cost Containment for Other Foods

a. Rebates are also obtained on other WIC foods.

- Yes (specify foods and attach contract in Appendix): Infant Juice and Cereal
 No

b. The State agency intends to pursue rebates on other authorized foods.

- Yes (specify): Infant Foods
 No

c. To contain food costs, the State agency has limited authorized foods/container sizes/types, etc..

- Yes (If yes, note such limitations on the following table)
 No

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	Specific brands are designated/ Disallowed	Only certain container sizes are allowed	Allowable types are limited	Other
Exempt formula for women, infants & children	X			
Infant cereal	X	X		
Infant juice				
Whole fresh fluid milk		Gallons Only unless Specified	Lowest Cost Product	
Lowfat fresh fluid milk		Gallons Only unless Specified	Lowest Cost Product	
Skim fresh fluid milk		Gallons Only unless Specified	Lowest Cost Product	
Cultured buttermilk				
Whole dry milk				
Lowfat dry milk				
Nonfat dry milk				
Other milks (e.g., UHT, Lactaid) (specify): Lactose Reduced		X – must be specified on Draft		
8th Continent Soy		X – must be specified on Draft		
Cheese	X	X	X	
Fresh eggs	X	X	X	
Dried egg mix				
Hot cereal	X	X		
Cold cereal	X	X		

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Single strength fruit/ vegetable juice	X	X	X	
Concentrated fruit/ vegetable juice	X	X	X	
Peanut butter		X	X	
Dry beans/peas		X		
Tuna		X	X	
Carrots		X	X	

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- 1. The State agency has procedures to assure that the requirements are met regarding the nonprocurement of food in bulk lots, supplies, equipment and other services from entities that have been debarred or suspended.**

X Yes No

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2. Food Cost Obligations

- a. The State agency calculates food obligations based on the following data (check one):**

X number of expected participants and average food cost per participant
 number of expected participants by category (e.g., pregnant woman, infant, etc.) and average food cost per participant category
 number of expected redemptions by food instrument type and cash-value voucher type and average value per food instrument type and cash-value voucher type
 other (specify):

- b. The State agency estimates the impact of inflation on food costs through the use of the following inflation escalators:**

X Inflation factor used in Federal funding formula
 State-generated estimates of inflation based on State market basket of foods
X Best guess by food item based on economic reports or other sources
 Other (specify):

- c. The State agency ADP system automatically produces a monthly obligation amount**

X Yes
 No, data are pulled from various sources and an estimated amount is calculated manually or with a PC spreadsheet
 Other (specify):

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- d. The State agency system (in-house or contracted) provides the following data on food instrument and cash-value voucher redemptions at specific (daily, weekly, monthly, as needed) frequencies (check all that apply and provide frequency):**

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Data</u>
<u>As needed</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food instruments and cash-value vouchers paid for issue month
<u>As needed</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food instruments and cash-value vouchers outstanding for issue month
<u>As needed</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food instruments and cash-value vouchers that have expired
<u>As needed</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food instruments and cash-value vouchers that are void/unclaimed

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3. Rebate Cash Management

- a. The State agency has a billing system in place that ensures infant formula rebate invoices, under competitive bidding, provide a reasonable estimate, or actual count of the number of units purchased by participants during WIC transactions.

- Actual count of units purchased
 Estimate of units purchased (attach methodology)
 State reduces the invoice by an “error rate”. The error rate is _____%.

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- b. The State agency uses a food instrument that enables it to identify the type and brand of infant formula redeemed.**

- Yes, for all formula types, brands, and physical forms
 Yes, for exempt infant formulas
 No

- c. The invoice to the formula manufacturer is issued by:**

- the WIC unit
the State agency fiscal unit
 other (specify): Bureau for Public Health Central Finance Unit

- d. Invoices are submitted with backup data.**

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X Yes No

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4. Closeout of Report Month Outlays

a. The State agency allows the food vendor (and farmer if any) the following number of days to submit food instruments and cash-value vouchers for payment (provide the number of days):

60 days from the participant's first valid date

b. The State agency is generally able to close out a report month completely within:

X 90 days
 120 days
 other (specify number of days):

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5. Indicate the method used to reimburse vendors (and farmers if any) for redeemed food instruments and cash-value vouchers or other services and specify the entity responsible for making payment:

State WIC	State FM	Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	by check directly to vendor or farmer
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	by check directly to vendor's or farmer's bank
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	by electronic transfer to vendor's or farmer's bank
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X other (specify): Banking Service Contractor

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1. Participation Counting

a. **The State agency counts an enrollee who received at least one food instrument/food package (or was a breastfed infant of a participating breastfeeding woman) as a participant during:**

- the calendar month
- the computer system cycle month
- other (specify):

b. **The State agency receives participation counts from:**

- the State agency computer system based on food instruments issued to participants (manual and automated food instruments) and number of breastfed infants of participating breastfeeding women
- counts reported from local agencies based on issuance records
- other (specify):

c. **If State funds are present, the State agency differentiates between Federal-supported and State-supported participants by:**

- special code on food instrument
- special areas of State designated as State-supported areas
- pro rata allocation based on proportion of Federal to State funds spent
- other (specify): No State Funds received for participant support

d. **When local agencies are chronically late in furnishing food instrument and/or certification data needed for participation counts, the State agency:**

- sends warnings
- applies financial sanctions
- requires manual reporting
- other (specify): Issuance data is received via computer system from LA sites nightly

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2. Participation by Priority

a. **Priority level is a critical data field in the State agency's computer system.**

