

## **WIC Changes effective July 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Similac 24 ready to feed nursettes will no longer be authorized for issuance by the Maine CDC WIC Nutrition Program effective 7/1/17.

Shipments of Similac 24 nursettes have consistently arrived at WIC offices with compromised packaging; many nursettes have broken seals, resulting in the following:

- Leaking formula
- Reports from parents that formula has a strong, foul smell
- Significant staff time to inspect each nursette for broken seals

### **Conclusion**

- Since Similac 24 nursette consistently arrive at our offices with compromised seals, we have chosen to discontinue filling new prescriptions of this item to medically fragile infants requiring a hypercaloric formula.
- All current prescriptions for Similac 24 will be honored until the prescription expiration date unless the healthcare provider or parent requests a change.

Please contact Karen Gallagher at 596-4242 or 441-7647, Heidi Morin at 287-4622 or your local WIC office staff if you have questions or wish to discuss options for hypercaloric formula prescriptions needed on or after 7/1/17.

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