



Ohio WIC Infant Formula Flexibilities: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What products may I get if I cannot find my baby’s formula?

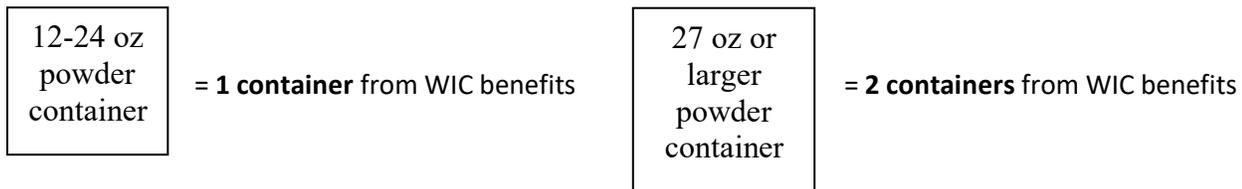
In most cases, if your baby’s regular brand of formula is not available, it is okay to substitute with a similar version. A list of newly approved formulas and container sizes is available at www.odh.ohio.gov/wic and includes alternative options for the prescription formulas Nutramigen, Alimentum, NeoSure, and EnfaCare. Contact your child’s healthcare provider or local WIC clinic if you have questions about which formula is acceptable.

How do I know which product is closest to my baby’s formula?

In general, it is safe to switch between similar formulas. For example, it is usually safe to switch a cow’s milk-based formula for another cow’s milk-based formula or a soy formula for another type of soy formula, etc. If you have questions about which formula is acceptable, please contact your child’s healthcare provider or local WIC clinic.

How do I know if the size of the powdered formula container I choose will remove 1 or 2 containers from my WIC benefits?

Container sizes 12-24 ounces will deduct 1 container from the WIC benefits. Container sizes 27 ounces or more will deduct 2 containers from the WIC benefits.



May I buy different brands and sizes at the same time? Is that safe for my baby? Yes, you can redeem different formula brands and powdered can sizes. Try to choose alternatives that are as close as possible to the type of formula you normally get with your WIC benefits. In most cases, if your baby’s regular brand of formula is not currently available, it is okay to substitute with similar versions. If your infant is on a prescription formula, contact your healthcare provider or local WIC clinic for guidance.

Do I have to return to the WIC clinic to change my WIC card if I want to buy a different formula than I usually do? The standard (non-prescription) formulas **will not require** you to return to the WIC clinic for a change to your WIC Nutrition Card. However, families getting the larger sizes of Nutramigen (19.8oz and 27.8oz), EnfaCare (23oz), and NeoSure (22.8oz) **will need** to return to the WIC clinic for a card change. Additionally, parents and caregivers who wish to change between powdered, concentrate, or ready-to-feed will need to return to clinic for a card change.

Should I need to mix my formula differently when I buy a different brand?

Follow the formula container instructions and [safe formula mixing and storage guidelines](#). If you have questions about mixing or storing your baby’s formula, contact your local WIC office or healthcare provider for guidance.

Do I need a prescription form?

If your infant is on a **prescription formula**, yes, you **will need** a prescription form. Contact your local WIC clinic if you’re having difficulty obtaining the prescription form from your healthcare provider. Standard formulas do not require a prescription form.

Are there any added WIC-authorized stores?

No, WIC-authorized stores remain the same. Contact your local WIC office for a list of authorized stores in your area.

Who should I contact if I have difficulty redeeming one of the alternative formulas?

Contact your local WIC office.