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Dear Health Care Provider,

The Missouri WIC program would like to inform you of the impact of the February 17, 2022 [Abbott formula recall](#) on our shared participants and patients.

Missouri WIC contracts with Abbott to provide Similac infant formulas. Ready-to-feed and concentrate formulas were not impacted. The following formulas have been impacted by the recall:

- Similac Advance
- Similac Sensitive
- Similac Total Comfort
- Similac Alimentum
- Elecare for Infants
- Elecare Jr.

Based on guidance from our federal partners, we are temporarily allowing participants to purchase non-contract infant formula when our contract options are not available. Participants will continue to be issued Similac products, but if the Similac product is not present at the retailer, participants will be able purchase an equivalent formula of another brand. Other brands include Enfamil, Gerber, and Parent's Choice. Additional brands and/or sizes may be added later.

For infants with medical conditions who need an exempt formula, medical documentation (WIC-27) continues to be required for any change to the physical form (i.e., ready-to-use) or type of formula. Please access the approved formula list and medical documentation form at <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wichcp/documents/>.

We hope this information will help you assist your patients and our participants of the Missouri WIC program. If you need assistance, please contact the Missouri WIC program at 800-392-8209 or email WICinfo@health.mo.gov.

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