



Memorandum

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TO: Regional Medical Directors for
Health Service Regions 4/5, 6 & 5 South, 9/10 and 11
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: New Food Packages for January 2010

The *Food Package Code and Description Guide* will be updated to reflect the new \$10.00 cash value benefit for women (WIC Memo #09-165) and to add the new food packages listed below. The food package guide will be available on the WIC website soon. In the meantime, use the codes listed below to issue the new food packages.

Special Dietary Needs package for children with a milk allergy. These packages provide formula and all allowable foods except milk and cheese.

622 SDN <2 FORM/NO MILK OR CHEESE

623 SDN 2+ FORM/NO MILK OR CHEESE

Special Dietary Needs package for children with lactose-free milk. These packages provide formula, lactose free milk and all allowable foods except cheese.

561 SDN <2 FORM/LACT FR NO CHEESE

562 SDN 2+ FORM/LACT FR NO CHEESE

Lactose-free milk packages without the quart of lactose-free milk. Due to the limited availability of lactose-free milk in quarts, we are adding food packages that provide all half gallons of lactose-free milk. These packages will not issue cheese (except for the exclusively breastfeeding packages that issue cheese and all half gallons of milk).

470 2+ YRS LACTOSE FREE NO CHEESE

550 PG/MBF LACTOSE FREE NO CHEESE

618 PP/SBF LACTOSE FREE NO CHEESE

619 EXCL BF LACTOSE FREE < CHEESE

620 PGM/MBF MULT LACT FREE <CHEESE

621 EBF MULT LACT FREE < CHEESE

Lactose-free milk package with cheese for children under 2 years of age. We are adding a food package that provides cheese and a quart of lactose-free milk as an option for children under two years of age.

563 <2 YRS WHOLE LACT FREE/CHEESE

IMPORTANT: Before issuing any lactose-free food package with cheese, inform the participant about the extremely limited availability of the quart. To maximize their food benefits, the participant may prefer the package with all half gallons of milk, no cheese.

We expect these food packages to be downloaded in early January 2010. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Paula Kanter, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Branch, at 512-341-4574 or paula.kanter@dshs.state.tx.us.