



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Amanda Hovis, Director
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Nutrition Services Section

DATE: December 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Discontinuing Food Package 552, Infant 6-11 Months – Formula Only

The State agency is discontinuing food package 552 (Infant 6-11 Months – Formula Only) and requesting local agency staff to stop issuing this code **immediately**. Since food package 685 (Infants 6-11 Months – Rx More Formula Only) is available to provide more contract formula for infants unable to eat baby food and infant cereal, food package 552 is no longer needed. In addition, there has been an increase in data entry errors with this food package code.

When food package 552 is issued in error, it cannot be changed in the current month, because formula is in the package. Future months can be voided or changed. If staff want to issue a formula-only food package without the increased formula quantities, contact the formula pager for assistance at (512) 499-6814.

Please have staff mark through food package 552 on all Texas WIC Food Package Guides to avoid issuing it. Food package 552 will be inactivated in the WIN system in early 2016, and at that time it will be removed from the guide.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Kanter, Clinic Nutrition Specialist, at paula.kanter@dshs.state.tx.us or Sandy Brown, Formula Specialist, at sandra.brown@dshs.state.tx.us.