Issuance of Ready-to-Use Formula

Purpose

To ensure the availability of ready-to-use formula to WIC participants with specific needs.

Authority

7 CFR Part 246.10

Policy

Ready-to-use (RTU) formula shall be issued under the appropriate circumstances as outlined in this policy and as determined by a certification authority (CA).

Procedure

I. RTU formula shall only be issued due to one or more of the following conditions:
   A. There is an unsafe, unsanitary or limited water supply;
   B. The parent/caretaker or participant is unable to correctly dilute or prepare formula due to physical or mental disability; or
   C. The formula is available only in a RTU form and there is no comparable substitute.
   D. The use of ready-to-use exempt formula for infants, and any formula for women and children, better accommodates a participant’s condition (e.g. compromised immune system). Refer to the specific formula in the Texas WIC Formulary;
   E. The use of ready-to-use exempt formula for infants, and any formula for women and children, improves a participant’s compliance in consuming the prescribed formula. Refer to the specific formula in the Texas WIC Formulary.

II. The continued issuance of RTU shall be evaluated at subsequent certifications.
III. When issuing RTU formula, a CA shall document the reason for issuance in the participant’s record.