

WIC Matters Newsletter for Vendors

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- **Large can formula substitutes end on August 27th**
- **Vendor Advisory Group Revisited**
- **Required Vendor Training due early 2024**
- **Ownership changes**

Large Can Enfamil and Medical Substitutes end on August 27th

Minnesota WIC has allowed large cans of Enfamil and Neuropro product substitutes for WIC formulas to ensure formula is available for purchase. The last day for Enfamil large can substitutes and Neuropro Enfamil formulas will be August 27, 2023. Beginning August 28, 2023, only standard, contract formula sizes will be allowed.

Additionally, medical formula substitutes will no longer be allowed after August 27th. Please make sure that you do not order more large can substitutes than you are able to sell for WIC by August 27th.

For a list of contract formulas with can sizes and current substitutes that will end on August 27th, please visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/vendor/formulasubs1.pdf>.

Vendor Advisory Group

Minnesota WIC is planning a vendor advisory group meeting sometime in the fall. For this meeting, we will be getting comments on proposed rule changes for the Minnesota WIC Program. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please email health.wicvendor@state.mn.us. We will be selecting interested vendors who represent diverse perspectives, both small and large stores, and both metro and greater Minnesota stores. Not all vendors who are interested will be selected, depending on response. This meeting will be remote, so no traveling is required. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Required Vendor training 2024

Minnesota WIC vendors are required to complete training in a group setting with the opportunity to ask questions every three years. The next required training will take place in early 2024. Remote sessions will be offered, but no in-person sessions are planned. Spanish and Somali interpreted sessions will also be offered. At least one representative from every store is required to complete training. More information about registration and session dates and times will be shared as they become available.

Adding Someone to Your Store's Ownership?

This is a reminder to let us know if your store has or will have a new partner or significant shareholder (one who owns 20% or more of the business). This is an important legal requirement; if you don't notify us of the change, and we find out about it later, your store may lose its WIC authorization and be ineligible to reapply for quite a while.

To report a change, please email health.wicvendor@state.mn.us.

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