

Formula Needs in Excess of WIC Allowed Amounts

Specific amounts of formula are allowed for specific participant categories and age groups. These amounts are defined by Federal Regulations. When the amount of formula allowed through WIC does not meet the documented need of the participant and the participant is also eligible for Medicaid, there may be an option for obtaining coverage of the needed product.

WIC participants who are not eligible for Medicaid have no other known State facilitated funding source for additional amounts of formula.

Examples of participants who might need formula amounts in excess of the amounts allowed through WIC include but are not limited to infants on an exempt infant formula, infants on a standard formula prepared to a hyper-caloric dilution, infants or children prescribed two or more products, and children or women prescribed a formula or medical food.

The WIC CPA may be able to assist the family by being an advocate for the participant in the following ways:

- Document the need for more product than WIC is able to provide by regulation in the participant record
- Identify a Medicaid enrolled Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider in the community such as a pharmacy, home health agency or medical supply company that is willing to bring the product in for the participant. If unfamiliar with DME providers in the community, contact one or more pharmacies or check with the agency Nursing Supervisor. Note: The DME does not have to be an authorized WIC vendor since these transactions occur outside of WIC.
- Instruct the participant or parent/guardian/caretaker that the following items must be completed and provided to the identified DME before the process can proceed
 - A prescription on a physician's prescription pad (not WIC Medical Documentation)
 - An Oral Nutrition Product Order Form* completed by the prescribing provider
 - A Request for Prior Approval CMN/PA (Certificate of Medical Necessity/Prior Approval)* completed by the prescribing provider

Situations vary by community and provider. In some instances there may be interaction between the DME and the prescribing provider to move the process along. In other instances the WIC CPA may need to assist the family in obtaining the required documentation from the prescribing provider to the DME provider.

The CPA should document activities related to assisting the participant/family in obtaining products through Medicaid.

*The Oral Nutrition Product Order Form, The Request for Prior Approval CMN/PA and Request for Prior Approval CMN/PA – Continuation Page are available under Durable Medical Equipment (DME) at: <http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/document/durable-medical-equipment-dme-0>