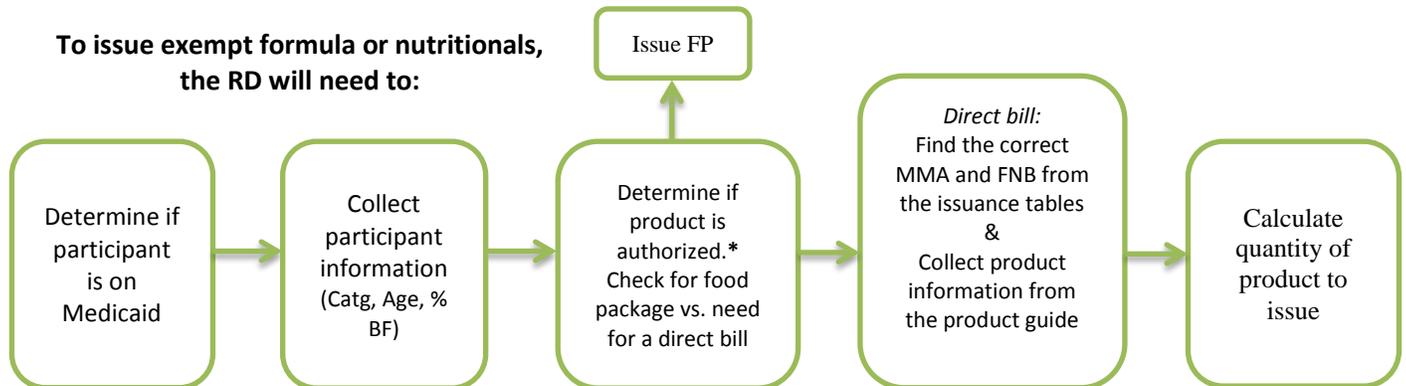


Calculation Guidance & Examples

Determining the Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA) & Full Nutrition Benefit (FNB)



Note: for a full overview of the WIC formula process or policy, see *Policy Reminders & WIC Formula Process* in the formula handbook.

Food Package & Direct Bills

- Medicaid is the first payer for exempt formula and nutritionals.
- The formula handbook section *Formulas Provided by the Idaho WIC Program* has a list of all exempt formula and nutritionals approved (the green highlighted products have a food package).
- *If a formula or nutritional is not Idaho WIC approved, the RD should work with the HCP to determine a nutritionally comparable substitute that is WIC approved.
- Partial packages may not be available in WISPr for infants combination feeding.
- If you need assistance completing the direct bill, see section *Direct Bill- Training*.

Formula Handbook - Federal Issuance Tables & Product Guide

Infants: *Table 1A - Infant Formula Issuance FNB & MMA* *Table 1B- Supplemental Exempt Formula for Partially Breastfed Infant*

- Locate the appropriate row based on how the infant is feeding (formula or breastfed).
- Within the row, locate the appropriate age of the infant.
- Find the maximum monthly allowance of WIC formula for the appropriate formula type (liquid concentrate, ready to feed (RTF) or powder).

Children and Women: *Table 3- Women & Children Issuance MMA*

- Locate the appropriate row based on category.
- Find the maximum monthly allowance of WIC formula for the appropriate formula type (liquid concentrate, ready to feed (RTF) or powder).

Product Guide

- The formula handbook section *Product Guide* has details on each product including the reconstituted amount.
- The search function is an easy way to find a product, simply enter the name of the product you are looking for in the search box. If you need assistance conducting a search, see the section *How to Conduct a Search in the Formula Handbook*.

Calculations

- Divide the MMA amount found in the federal regulation table by the reconstituted amount; this is the same for the FNB. Multiply the number of cans to be issued by the reconstituted amount to determine if FNB is met.
- MMA/FNB provides a range of how much product can be issued, but not all tables have a FNB.
- If the quantity is not a whole number, round down to get the number of cans that can be issued.

Examples

EXAMPLE 1 - A 4 month old participant has a medical need for PurAmino. The mother is breastfeeding and gives the infant about 10-15 fl. oz of formula each day. They are not on Medicaid. Medical Documentation Form (MDF) faxed to the clinic.

Medicaid	No: WIC to provide an exempt formula
Participant Information	Catg/Age of Infant: 4 month old infant, no solid foods yet
	% BF: Mom is breastfeeding 50% (<i>Mother reported giving 9-16 fl. oz per day of formula</i>)
Food Package vs. Direct Bill (DB)	WIC- Eligible: PurAmino is approved by Idaho WIC (<i>If this formula was not approved, RD would work with HCP to determine nutritionally comparable substitute for WIC approved item and then determine if new product still needs a direct bill or if food package is available</i>)
	Direct Bill (DB): There is not a food package available for PurAmino
Formula Handbook & Product guide	Formula Reconstituted Amount: PurAmino powder reconstitutes at 98 fl. oz/can
	Federal tables: Table 1. Infant Formula Issuance FNB & MMA, Partially BF, for 4 through 5 months. Full Nutrition Benefit (FNB) = 442 fl. oz Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA) is 522 fl. oz
Calculate	MMA: 522 fl. oz. ÷ 98 fl. oz/can= 5 cans (<i>5.32 cans round down</i>)
	FNB: 5 cans x 98 fl. oz/can = 490 fl. oz (<i>yes, it meets the minimum (442 fl. oz. ÷ 98 fl. oz/can = 4 can minimum)</i>)

EXAMPLE 2- An 8 month old participant has a medical need for EleCare. The mother is not breastfeeding. They are not on Medicaid. Medical Documentation Form (MDF) faxed to the clinic.

Medicaid	No: WIC to provide an exempt formula
Participant Information	Catg/Age of Infant: 8 month old infant, no solid foods yet
	% BF: 0%, Full formula
Food Package vs. Direct Bill (DB)	WIC- Eligible: EleCare is approved by Idaho WIC (<i>If this formula was not approved, RD would work with HCP to determine nutritionally comparable substitute for WIC approved item and then determine if new product still needs a direct bill or if food package is available</i>)
	Direct Bill (DB): There is not a food package available for EleCare

Formula Handbook & Product guide	Formula Reconstituted Amount: EleCare powder reconstitutes at 95 fl. oz/can
	Federal tables: Table 1. Infant Formula Issuance FNB & MMA, Full formula, for 4 through 5 months because WIC is not providing a solids package. Full Nutrition Benefit (FNB) = 884 fl. oz Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA) is 960 fl. oz
Calculate	MMA: 960 fl. oz. ÷ 95 fl. oz/can= 10 cans (10.10 cans round down)
	FNB: 10 cans x 95 fl. oz/can = 950 fl. oz (yes, it meets the minimum (884 fl. oz. ÷ 95 fl. oz/can = 9 can minimum)

EXAMPLE 3 – A MDF was received for Alimentum powder for a one month old infant. The mother is breastfeeding and reports that she gives the infant about 20 fl. oz. of formula each day. They are not on Medicaid.

Medicaid	No: WIC to provide an exempt formula
Participant Information	Catg/Age of Infant: 1 month old infant, no solid foods yet
	% BF: Mom is breastfeeding 25% (Mother reported giving 20 fl. oz per day of formula)
Food Package vs. Direct Bill (DB)	WIC- Eligible: Alimentum is approved by Idaho WIC (If this formula was not approved, RD would work with HCP to determine nutritionally comparable substitute for WIC approved item and then determine if new product still needs a direct bill or if food package is available)
	Direct Bill (DB): There is not a partial food package available for Alimentum
Formula Handbook & Product guide	Formula Reconstituted Amount: Alimentum powder reconstitutes at 115 fl. oz/can
	Federal tables: This would be table 1. Supplemental Exempt Formula for Partially Breastfed Infant, Usual Daily Intake of >16 fl. oz. per day for Age of Infant 1 through 3 months. Full Nutrition Benefit (FNB) = N/A Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA) 436-869 fl oz reconstituted powder
Calculate	MMA: 436 fl. oz. ÷ 115 fl. oz./can = 3 cans (3.8 cans) (Round up because it is the low end of the range. Rounding down could qualify the mother for a different food package) 869 fl. oz. ÷ 115 fl. oz./can = 7 cans (7.5 cans) (Round down because it is the upper end of the range. Rounding up could lead to overissuance)
	Tailored Issuance: 600 fl. oz./month ÷ 115 fl. oz./can = 5.2 cans (5-6 cans based on decision with the mother what will meet the infant's needs)
	Mom's Food Package: VI

Note: The following examples are meant to show the process, staff should always refer to the formula handbook for updated product information and federal regulations for MMA & FNB.