



# ARIZONA WIC ALERT

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## Similac Advance EarlyShield with Iron Replacing Similac Advance with Iron

The Arizona WIC Program has been notified by Abbott Laboratories that, beginning in April 2009, they will no longer manufacture or ship Similac Advance with Iron in all forms (12.9 ounce powder, 13 ounce concentrate, and 32 ounce ready-to-use) to Vendors. Retailers will be able to sell Similac Advance with Iron until the inventory on their shelves is depleted. Any subsequent orders for Similac Advance with Iron will be for the Similac Advance EarlyShield with Iron due to the manufacturer's reformulation.



The Arizona WIC Program has revised the WIC food instruments to allow WIC participants the option to purchase Similac Advance with Iron (with or without EarlyShield). However, due to tri-monthly issuance, you may still see food instruments that contain Similac Advance with Iron that were issued prior to the wording change. *If you are presented with a food instrument that contains Similac Advance with Iron and you do not have the formula or do not have enough of the formula to fill the prescription, you may allow the WIC customer to purchase the Similac Advance EarlyShield with Iron.*

In addition, minimum stock and variety requirements for Similac Advance with Iron will include the Similac Advance EarlyShield with Iron. The amounts will remain the same (36 cans of powder and 62 cans of concentrate).

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1-866-737-3935.



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