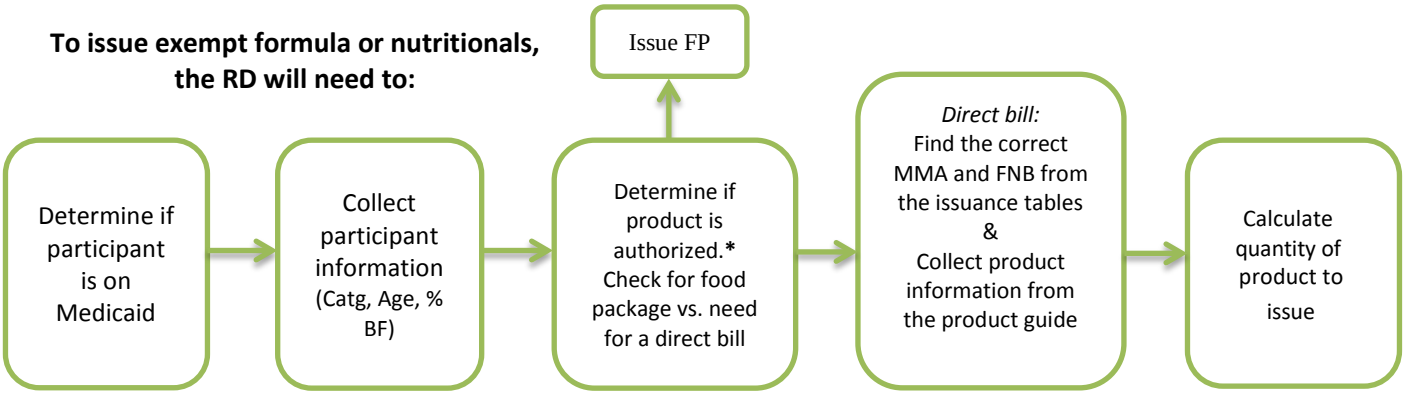
Calculation Guidance & Examples

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

To issue exempt formula or nutritionals, the RD will need to:



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 1 - Infant Formula Issuance FNB & MMA***
Table 1- 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% *(Mother reported giving 9-16 fl. oz per day of formula)*
Food Package vs. Direct Bill (DB)	**WIC- Eligible:**	PurAmino 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 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 *(5.32 cans round down)*
	FNB:	5 cans x 98 fl. oz/can = 490 fl. oz *(yes, it meets the minimum (442 fl. oz. ÷ 98 fl. oz/can = 4 can minimum)*

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 *(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 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.