

WIC Support for Maui Families

WIC Waivers Provide More Flexibility to Support Maui Families with Supplemental Nutrition Benefits



FOR MAUI RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES

Infant Formula and Food Substitutions



Families participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) impacted by the Maui wildfires will have an easier time finding infant formula and food substitutions. The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved requests from the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) and granted waivers for flexibility with the maximum monthly allowance requirements for WIC-approved infant formulas and foods. The waivers are effective until October 27, 2023.

Below are substitutions if the infant formula on your benefit list is out of stock at a store.

If your benefit list says "Similac Advance - Powder, 12.4 oz":

Formula Name	Container Size	UPC
Similac 360 Total Care Powder	20.6 oz	070074680644
Similac 360 Total Care Powder	30.8 oz	070074681177
Similac Pro-Advance Powder	30.8 oz	070074664385

If your benefit list says "Similac Advance - Ready to Use 32 oz":

Formula Name	Container Size	UPC
Similac 360 Total Care Ready to Use	32 oz	070074681467
Similac 360 Total Care Ready to Use	6 ct (8 oz bottles)	070074681405



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If your benefit list says "Similac Sensitive - Powder":

Formula Name	Container Size	UPC
Similac 360 Total Care Sensitive Powder	20.1 oz	070074680712
Similac Sensitive	1.86 lb/29.8 oz	070074629520
Similac 360 Total Care Sensitive Powder	30.2 oz	070074681238

If your benefit list says "Similac Sensitive - Ready to Use 32 oz":

Formula Name	Container Size	UPC
Similac 360 Total Care Sensitive	6 ct (8 oz bottles)	070074681597
Similac 360 Total Care Sensitive	32 oz	070074681610

If your benefit list says "Similac Total Comfort - Powder, 12 oz":

Formula Name	Container Size	UPC
Similac Pro-Total Comfort	20.1 oz	070074681085
Similac Pro-Total Comfort	1.86 lb/29.8 oz	070074669380



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Benefits for the following foods now offer substitutions



Eggs - Participants can substitute two 6-ct packages and 18-ct packages of eggs when 12-ct packages are unavailable. Participants can substitute hard-boiled eggs for fresh eggs.



Tofu - Participants can substitute up to 20 oz containers of tofu when the prescribed size (i.e., 16 oz) is unavailable.



Whole Wheat/Whole Grain Bread - Participants can substitute authorized whole wheat/whole grain bread in package sizes up to 24 oz when 16-oz packages are unavailable.



Juice - Participants can substitute juice packs for the 48-oz containers of juice when the prescribed size is unavailable. WIC-eligible juice in other forms (e.g., frozen) that provide the maximum monthly allowance should be the first alternative to the 48-oz container.

New WIC-Authorized Stores on Maui

FNS also approved the DOH request for flexibility with the requirement for on-site visits before a vendor's initial authorization in WIC. Adding new WIC-authorized stores is meant to alleviate the problems created by the loss of stores in West Maui. As of September 5, the following stores now accept WIC:

- Target - 100 Ho'okele St., Kahului
- Longs Drugs - 55 Kiopa'a St., Pukalani
- Longs Drugs - 1215 S. Kihei Rd., Ste. B, Kihei
- Longs Drugs - 70 East Ka'ahumanu Ave., Kahului
- Longs Drugs - 135 Kehalani Village Dr., Wailuku

For WIC updates related to the Maui wildfires, visit

health.hawaii.gov/wic/maui-fires

