

**Louisiana Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Participants Qualifying Medical Condition for Approved Special
Formulas/WIC Eligible Nutritionals (Food Package III)**

The food package is reserved for issuance to infant and children participants who have one or more documented qualifying conditions as indicated below that require the use of a WIC formula because the use of conventional food is precluded, restricted, or inadequate to address their special nutritional needs.

Participant Category	The issuance of Food Package III is not authorized for these Non-Qualifying Conditions	Qualifying Medical Conditions for issuance of Food Package III Not limited to the following
Infants (up to 12 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-specific formula or food intolerance ▪ Only condition is a diagnosed formula intolerance or food allergy to lactose, sucrose, milk protein or soy protein that does not require an exempt (special) formula ▪ Participant preference ▪ Package may not be issued solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight without an underlying qualifying condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Premature birth ▪ Low birth weight ▪ Failure to thrive ▪ Inborn errors of metabolism/metabolic disorders ▪ Mal-absorption syndromes ▪ Gastrointestinal disorders ▪ Immune system disorders ▪ Life threatening disorders, diseases and medical conditions that impair ingestion, absorption or utilization or utilization of nutrients that could adversely affect the participant's nutrition status
Children (up to 5 years of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-specific formula or food intolerance ▪ Food intolerance to lactose or milk protein that can be successfully managed with the use of one of the other WIC Food Packages (IV–VII). ▪ Participant preference ▪ Package may not be issued solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight without an underlying qualifying condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Premature birth ▪ Low birth weight ▪ Failure to thrive ▪ Inborn errors of metabolism/metabolic disorders ▪ Mal-absorption syndromes ▪ Gastrointestinal disorders ▪ Immune system disorders ▪ Severe food allergies requiring an elemental formula ▪ Life threatening disorders, diseases and medical conditions that impair ingestion, digestion, absorption or utilization of nutrients that could adversely affect the participant's nutrition status

