

**MEDICAL PROVIDER GUIDE**  
**LOUISIANA WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)**  
**SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM**



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## What is WIC?

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a supplemental nutrition program established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to serve eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children less than 5 years of age.

The Louisiana WIC Program is funded by USDA and administered by the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Nutrition Services. As a component of ongoing health care, the staff of parish health units and contract agencies across the state provides appropriate health services, assessments, education, and certification for WIC, supplemental nutritious foods via an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card, and referrals to health and social services.

## WIC Services






The aim of the Louisiana WIC Program is to be an adjunct to health care with a goal of providing nutritious supplemental foods, nutrition education, communication and follow up to patients that are referred from the medical community. It is intended to encourage patients to access preventive health care and to provide supplemental food and nutrition education to those at nutrition risk. The Louisiana WIC program serves as an adjunct and gateway to the following coordinated health initiatives and services:

-  Breastfeeding promotion and support
-  Prenatal care referrals
-  Immunization assessment and referrals
-  Nutrition and health screening
-  Nutrition Education
-  High Risk nutrition assessment and counseling
-  Prenatal weight-gain monitoring and education
-  Education about iron-deficiency anemia
-  Education for cessation of smoking, drugs, and alcohol use



## LOUISIANA WIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### *Categorical Eligibility*

-  Pregnant women through pregnancy
-  Breastfeeding women up to one year
-  Non-breastfeeding postpartum women for 6 months
-  Infants up to 12 months old
-  Children up to 5 years old

### ***Income Eligibility***

Income at or below 185% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Income guidelines are based on family size. The latest income guidelines are available at the following link: <https://louisianawic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IncomeGuidelines-ENG-2020-2021.pdf>.

### ***Nutritional Risk Eligibility***

WIC uses two broad categories of risk: medically based, such as low birth weight, and diet based, such as inappropriate nutrition and feeding behaviors.

### ***Residency Eligibility***

Participants must live in Louisiana. However, WIC does not require proof of citizenship or alien status.

## **WHERE ARE WIC SERVICES PROVIDED?**

Applicants can visit [www.louisianawic.org](http://www.louisianawic.org) for a list of WIC clinics in their area. Applicants can also call 1-800-251-BABY (2229) to locate WIC clinics in their area.

## **WIC REFERRALS**

A goal of the Louisiana WIC Program is to serve eligible participants and enroll them as early as possible during pregnancy and infancy. We appreciate referrals from medical providers and hope to work cooperatively with them to meet the need of each WIC participant. With a written request from the medical doctor, we can also provide counseling, utilizing a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist for specific medical needs of WIC participants.

## **WIC FORMULAS/WIC ELIGIBLE FOODS**

The Louisiana WIC Program can provide standard and exempt formulas. However, ***breastfeeding is highly encouraged as the preferred optimal method of feeding***. All formula and food provided by WIC must meet the minimum federal regulatory requirements. These requirements specify the food categories, maximum monthly allowances, and the nutritional content requirements for all WIC-eligible foods and formula (see *Appendix A*).

### **Standard Contract Formulas**




The Louisiana WIC Program's current formula contract is with Abbott and provides the following standard iron-fortified formulas for healthy infants during the first year of life:

- Milk-based formulas –
  - \* Similac Advance
  - \* Similac Total Comfort
  - \* Similac Sensitive
  - \* Similac Spit-Up
- Soy-based formula –
  - \* Similac Soy Isomil




## Exempt Formulas

An exempt formula is any formula that is not on the standard formula contract. An exempt formula may be authorized when a physician diagnoses a participant with one or more qualifying medical conditions which contraindicates the use of a standard formula. The list of qualifying medical conditions can be found here (<http://louisianawic.org/community/>). *Please note according to USDA regulations, the Louisiana WIC program does not provide low-iron formula under any circumstances.*



The Louisiana WIC Approved Formulary is used by the Louisiana WIC program to ensure that regulatory requirements are met when authorizing formula usage. The formulary can be found here (<http://louisianawic.org/community/>).

-  The formulary contains the standard and exempt formulas available through the WIC program.
-  Prescriptions for non-standard formulas are subject to WIC approval and provision based on Louisiana WIC Program policy and procedure.
-  Exempt formula requests from providers that are not listed in the current formulary must be submitted from the clinic staff to the Bureau of Nutrition Services Nutrition Operations staff for review. The clinic staff provides referrals to Medicaid approved DME Provider for formula requests that are not a part of the current Louisiana WIC approved Formulary.

**The use of READY-TO-FEED FORMULA can be approved only when one of the following circumstances is documented:**

-  Unsanitary/restricted water supply
-  Poor refrigeration
-  The participant's caregiver is cognitively or physically unable to correctly dilute concentrated liquid or powered formula.

**The following conditions apply ONLY to participants receiving an EXEMPT FORMULA Supplemental Food Package:**

-  The ready-to-feed formula better accommodates the participant's condition
-  The ready-to-feed formula improves the participant's compliance in consuming the prescribed formula.

**The requirements which must be met for providing ready-to-feed formula are federally mandated. There are NO exceptions or waivers for the ready-to-feed policy from the Bureau of Nutrition Services.**

## MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

The medical provider with prescriptive authority must provide medical documentation on a WIC-48 when requesting an exempt formula. A completed WIC-48 is also required for requests to discontinue or change a participant from an exempt formula to another formula, including standard formula. The WIC-48 should be used as the primary source for medical documentation to communicate exempt formula and food prescriptions to the WIC clinic staff. Telephone or verbal orders will not be accepted. An original signature or e-signature is required. Stamped and/or photocopied signatures are not acceptable.

**APPENDIX A: WIC FOOD PACKAGES**

<b>INFANTS</b>						
<b>Age</b>	<b>Infant Type</b>	<b>Maximum fl. Oz. allowed</b>	<b>Max. Amount to Issue</b>	<b>Infant Cereal</b>	<b>Infant Fruit and Veg</b>	<b>Infant Meat</b>
0-3 months (mo.)	<b>Fully Formula Fed (FFF)</b>  <b>Some Breastfed (SBF)</b>	<b>823</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>832</b> fluid oz. Ready to Feed <b>870</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>31</b> 13 oz. cans  <b>26</b> 32 oz. cans  <b>9</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA
4-5 mo.	<b>FFF, SBF</b>	<b>896</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>913</b> fluid oz. Ready to Feed <b>960</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>34</b> 13 oz. cans  <b>28</b> 32 oz. cans  <b>10</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA
6-11 mo.	<b>FFF, SBF</b>	<b>630</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>643</b> fluid oz. Ready to Feed <b>696</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>24</b> 13 oz. cans  <b>20</b> 32 oz. cans  <b>7</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	<b>3</b> 8 oz. containers	<b>32</b> 4 oz. containers	NA
6-11 mo.	<b>FFF, SBF – no food</b>	896 fluid oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>913</b> fluid oz. Ready to Feed <b>960</b> fluid oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>34</b> 13 oz. cans  <b>28</b> 32 oz. cans  <b>10</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA
0-5 mo.	<b>Fully Breastfed (FBF)</b>	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
6-12 mo.	<b>Fully Breastfed (FBF) 6-12 mo.</b>			<b>3</b> 8 oz. containers	<b>64</b> 4 oz. containers	<b>31</b> 2.5 oz. containers
0- 1 mo.	<b>Partially Breastfed (PBF)</b>	<b>104</b> oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>1</b> can any Standard Powdered Formula	NA	NA	NA
1-3 mo.	<b>PBF</b>	<b>388</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Concentrate	<b>14</b> 13 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA

<b>INFANTS</b>						
<b>Age</b>	<b>Infant Type</b>	<b>Maximum fl. Oz. allowed</b>	<b>Max. Amount to Issue</b>	<b>Infant Cereal</b>	<b>Infant Fruit and Veg</b>	<b>Infant Meat</b>
		<b>384</b> fl. oz. Ready to Feed <b>435</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>12</b> 32 oz. cans <b>4</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans			
4-5 mo.	<b>PBF</b>	<b>460</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>474</b> fl. oz. Ready to Feed <b>522</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>17</b> 13 oz. cans <b>14</b> 32 oz. cans <b>5</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA
6-11 mo.	<b>PBF</b>	<b>315</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>338</b> fl. oz. Ready to Feed <b>384</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>12</b> 13 oz. cans <b>10</b> 32 oz. cans <b>4</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	<b>3</b> 8 oz. containers	<b>32</b> 4 oz. containers	<b>31</b> 2.5 oz. containers
6-11 mo.	<b>PBF – <u>no food</u></b>	<b>460</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Concentrate <b>474</b> fl. oz. Ready to Feed <b>522</b> fl. oz. Reconstituted Powder	<b>17</b> 13 oz. cans <b>14</b> 32 oz. cans <b>5</b> 12.0-12.4 oz. cans	NA	NA	NA

<b>CHILDREN on Regular Milk</b>								
Age	Milk/yogurt	Cheese	Eggs	Juice	Breakfast cereal (36 oz.)	Beans, Peanut Butter	Whole Wheat Bread or Equivalent	Cash Value Benefit
<b><u>13-23 mo.</u></b>	* 3 gals. Whole milk+ 1 qt. Whole Milk Yogurt	1 lb.	1 doz	2 64 oz. least expensive brand juice	36 oz.	1 lb. Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils or 4 cans 15-16oz	2 lb.	\$ 9 Fresh, frozen, canned
<b><u>23 mo. &gt; 4yr.</u></b>	3 gals. Skim or 1% milk + 1 qt. Skim or 1 % Milk Yogurt	1 lb.	1 doz	2 64 oz. least expensive brand juice	36 oz.	1 lb. Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils, or 4 cans 15-16oz; <u>OR</u> **1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	2 lb.	\$ 9 Fresh, frozen, canned

\* Children under 2 years of age receive a food prescription with whole milk and dry beans.

\*\*Children 2 through 4 years of age receive a food prescription with skim or 1% milk and dry beans. Peanut butter may be prescribed for participants assigned nutrition risk codes 103A and/or 134.

<b>CHILDREN on Soy Beverage</b>							
Category/Type	Soy Beverage	Eggs	Juice	Breakfast Cereal	Beans/Peanut Butter	Whole Wheat Bread or Equivalent	CVV
<b>13-23 mo.</b>	8 half-gals.	2 dozen	2 64 oz. least expensive brand	36 oz.	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils, or 4 cans 15-16oz;	2 lb.	\$9 Fresh, frozen, canned
<b>&gt;24 mo.</b>	8 half gals.	2 dozen	2 64 oz. least expensive brand	36 oz.	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils OR **1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	2 lb.	\$ 9 Fresh, frozen, canned

\*\*Children 2 through 4 years of age receive a food prescription with skim or 1% milk and dry beans, and peanut butter for participants assigned nutrition risk codes 103A and/or 134.

**Note:** Children on Soy Beverage - Medical documentation (Rx) is not required from the medical provider for children to receive the Soy Beverage (i.e. 8th Continent, Pacific Ultra, etc.).



<b>CHILDREN Shelf-Stable</b>							
<b>Category/ Type</b>	<b>Milk</b>	<b>Eggs</b>	<b>Juice</b>	<b>Cereal</b>	<b>Beans/ Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Whole Bread or equiv.</b>	<b>Cash Value Benefit</b>
<b>Children 13-23 mo.</b>	18 12 oz. cans Evaporated Whole Milk AND 8 5 oz. cans Evaporated Whole Milk	None	3 8-pk. 4.23 oz. Juicy Juice	36 oz.	4 15-16 oz. cans Beans	2 lbs.	\$9 Canned or fresh
<b>Children &gt; 24 mo.</b>	2 25 oz. box Dry Milk	None	3 8-pk. 4.23 oz. Juicy Juice	36 oz.	4 15-16 oz. cans Beans; plus **1 jar 16- 18 oz. Peanut Butter	2 lbs.	\$9 Canned or fresh

\*\*Children 2 through 4 years of age receive a food prescription with skim or 1% milk and dry beans, and peanut butter for participants assigned nutrition risk codes 103A and/or 134.

**Note:** Limited or No Refrigeration food prescription may be issued to participant when there is a lack of refrigerated food storage or food preparation facilities.

<b>WOMEN on Regular Milk – 1 % or Skim</b>									
Category/ Type	Milk	Cheese	Eggs	Juice	Cereal	Beans and Peanut Butter	Whole Wheat Bread or Equiv.	Cash Value Benefit	Fish
<b>Food Pkg. V</b> <b>Pregnant</b> ----- <b>Partially Breastfeeding (PBF)</b>	4 gals. + 3 qts. yogurt	1 lb.	1 doz	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 1b. bag Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils OR 4 cans 15-16oz <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	1 lb.	\$11 Fresh, frozen, canned	None
<b>Food PKG. V</b> <b>PBF Multiples</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and Fully Breastfeeding (FBF)</b> ----- <b>Pregnant Multiples</b>	5 gals. + 1 qt. yogurt	2 lb.	2 doz	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 1b. bag Dry Beans, Peas, OR 4 cans 15-16oz Lentils <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	1 lb.	\$ 11 Fresh, frozen, canned	30 oz.
<b>Food Pkg. VI</b> <b>Non-Breastfeeding Post-partum</b> ----- <b>Some Breastfeeding (SBF)</b>	3 gals. + 3 qts. yogurt	1 lb.	1 doz	2 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 1b. bag Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils, or 4 cans 15-16oz; <u>OR</u> 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	None	\$11 Fresh, frozen, canned	None
<b>Food Pkg. VII</b> <b>FBF</b> ----- <b>Pregnant with Multiples</b> ----- <b>PBF Multiples</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and FBF or PBF</b>	5 gals. + 1 qt. yogurt	2 lb.	2 doz	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 1b. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils, or 4 cans 15-16oz; <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	1 lb.	\$ 11 Fresh, frozen, canned	30 oz.
<b>FBF Multiples</b>	8 gals. + 1 qt. yogurt	2.5 lb.	3 dozen	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. 48 oz. full strength PLUS 1 64 oz. least expensive brand	54 oz.	2 1b. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils, or 4 cans 15-16oz; <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	24 oz.	\$16.5 Fresh, frozen, canned	45 oz.

<b>WOMEN on Soy Beverage</b>									
<b>Category/Type</b>	<b>Soy</b>	<b>Cheese</b>	<b>Eggs</b>	<b>Beans and Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Juice</b>	<b>Cereal</b>	<b>Whole Grain</b>	<b>Cash Value Voucher</b>	<b>Fish</b>
<b>Food Pkg. V</b> ----- <b>Partially Breastfeeding (PBF)</b>	11 half gals.	None	1 doz	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils, OR 4 15-16 oz. cans Beans <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$11 Fresh, frozen, canned	None
<b>Food PKG. V.</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and Fully or Partially Breastfeeding</b> -----	12 half gals.	1 lb.	2 doz	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils, OR 4 15-16 oz. cans Beans <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$ 11 Fresh, frozen, canned	30 oz.
<b>Food Pkg. VI</b> ----- <b>Non-Breastfeeding Post-partum</b> ----- <b>Some Breastfeeding (SBF)</b>	8 half gals.	None	1 doz	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils, or 4 15-16 oz. cans Beans <u>OR</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	2 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	None	\$11 Fresh, frozen, canned	None
<b>Food Pkg. VII</b> ----- <b>FBF</b> ----- <b>Pregnant with Multiples</b> ----- <b>PBF Multiples</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and FBF or PBF</b>	12 half gals.	1 lb.	2 doz	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas, Lentils OR 4 15-16 oz. cans Beans <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	3 containers of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$ 11 Fresh, frozen, canned	30 oz.
<b>FBF Multiples</b>	18 half gals.	1.5 lb.	3 dozen	1 lb. bag Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils, OR 4 15-16 oz. cans Beans <u>AND</u> 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	3 cont. of 11.5-12 oz. frozen conc. OR 48 oz. full strength AND 3 64 oz. least expensive brand	54 oz.	1.5	\$16.5 Fresh, frozen, canned	45 oz.

<b>WOMEN Shelf Stable</b>									
<b>Category/Type</b>	<b>Milk</b>	<b>Cheese</b>	<b>Eggs</b>	<b>Beans and Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Juice</b>	<b>Cereal</b>	<b>Whole Wheat Bread or Equiv.</b>	<b>Cash Value Benefit</b>	<b>Fish</b>
<b>Food Pkg. V</b> <b>Pregnant</b> ----- <b>Partially Breastfeeding (PBF)</b>	8 12-oz. cans Evaporated Lowfat Milk AND 2 boxes 25.6 oz. Dry Milk-	None	None	4 15-16 oz. cans of Beans AND 1 16-18 oz. jar Peanut Butter	4 6-pk. 6 oz. Dole Pineapple juice	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$11 Canned or fresh	None
<b>Food PKG. V.</b> <b>PBF Multiples</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and Fully Breastfeeding (FBF) or PBF</b> ----- <b>Pregnant Multiples</b>	3 26.5 oz. box Dry Milk	1 lb.	None	4 15-16 oz. cans of Beans AND 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	4 6-pk. 6 oz. Dole Pineapple juice	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$ 11 Canned or fresh	30 oz.
<b>Food Pkg. VI</b> <b>Non-Breastfeeding Post-partum</b> ----- <b>Some Breastfeeding (SBF)</b>	2 25.6 oz. box Dry Milk	None	None	4 15-16 oz. cans beans OR 1 jar 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	2 6-pk. 6 oz. Dole Pineapple juice	36 oz.	None	\$11 Canned or fresh	None
<b>Food Pkg. VII</b> <b>FBF</b> ----- <b>Pregnant with Multiples</b> ----- <b>PBF Multiples</b> ----- <b>Pregnant and FBF or PBF</b>	3 26.5 oz. box Dry Milk	1 lb.	None	4 15-16 oz. cans beans AND 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter	4 6-pk. 6 oz. Dole Pineapple juice	36 oz.	1 lb.	\$ 11 Canned or fresh	30 oz.

**Note:** Limited or No Refrigeration food package may be issued to participant when there is a lack of refrigerated food storage or food preparation facilities.

**Louisiana Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)  
Participant Qualifying Medical Conditions for  
Approved Exempt Formulas/WIC Eligible Nutritionals (Food Package)**

Participant Category	The issuance of Food Package is not authorized for these Non-Qualifying Conditions:	Qualifying Conditions for issuance of Food Package Not Limited to the following:
<p><b>Infants (up to 12 months)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-specific formula or food intolerance</li> <li>▪ 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) infant formula</li> <li>▪ Participant preference</li> <li>▪ Package may not be issued solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight <b>without an underlying qualifying condition</b> (example: “poor weight gain” is not a qualifying condition. However, the medical condition causing the poor weight gain may be approved as a qualifying condition.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Premature birth</li> <li>▪ Low birth weight</li> <li>▪ Failure to thrive</li> <li>▪ Inborn errors of metabolism/metabolic disorders</li> <li>▪ Mal-absorption syndromes</li> <li>▪ Gastrointestinal disorders</li> <li>▪ Immune system disorders</li> <li>▪ Severe food allergies requiring an elemental formula</li> <li>▪ Life threatening disorders, diseases and medical conditions that impair ingestion, absorption or utilization of nutrients that could adversely affect the participant’s nutrition status</li> </ul>
<p><b>Children (up to five years of age)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-specific formula or food intolerance</li> <li>▪ Food intolerance to lactose or milk protein that can be successfully managed with the use of one of the other <i>WIC food packages</i></li> <li>▪ Participant preference</li> <li>▪ Package may not be issued solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight <b>without an underlying qualifying condition</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Premature birth</li> <li>▪ Low birth weight</li> <li>▪ Failure to thrive</li> <li>▪ Inborn errors of metabolism/metabolic disorders</li> <li>▪ Mal-absorption syndromes</li> <li>▪ Gastrointestinal disorders</li> <li>▪ Immune system disorders</li> <li>▪ Severe food allergies requiring an elemental formula</li> <li>▪ 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</li> </ul>

### Louisiana WIC Nutrition Risk Codes

*The nutrition risk codes highlighted below are listed in blue on the WIC-48 form beside the Qualifying Medical Condition/Diagnosis/ICD-10.*

Risk Code	Title	Description	Eligible Participant
<b>134</b>	Failure to Thrive	This risk code may be assigned if the participant/caregiver self-reports that the disease/condition was diagnosed by a physician or the disease/condition is reported by a physician or the physician's staff.	Infant, Children
<b>135</b>	Slowed/Faltering Growth Pattern (Inadequate Growth)	Birth to 2 weeks -- Excessive weight loss after birth, defined as $\geq 7\%$ of birth weight. Healthy infants are expected to regain their birth weight within 8-10 days after birth. However, if a breastfed infant loses 7% of birth weight in the first 72 hours after birth, an evaluation and review of the mother infant dyad is needed and any problems resolved immediately. 2 weeks to $\leq 6$ months of age -- Any weight loss. Use 2 separate weight measurements taken at least eight weeks apart. Weight loss is not expected beyond the first two weeks of life and requires follow-up	Infants 0 to $\leq 6$ months of age
<b>141A</b>	Low Birth Weight (LBW)	LBW < 5 pounds 8 ounces (2500 grams) or infants and children < 24 months old.	Infants, Children < 24 months old
<b>141B</b>	Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW)	VLBW < 3 pounds 5 ounces (1500 grams) for infants and children less than 24 months old	Infants, Children < 24 months old
<b>142</b>	Prematurity (Birth to < 24 months)	Birth at < 37 weeks gestation	Infants, Children < 24 months old
<b>342</b>	Gastro-Intestinal Disorders (also Intestinal Malabsorption)	Diseases that interfere with the intake or absorption of nutrients including, but not limited to; stomach or intestinal ulcers, small bowel enterocolitis and syndrome, malabsorption syndromes, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, liver disease, pancreatitis, gallbladder disease, gastroesophageal reflux (GERD) and post bariatric surgery. This risk code may be assigned if the participant/caregiver self-reports that the disease/condition was diagnosed by a physician or the disease/condition is	Infants and Children

		reported by a physician or the physician's staff.	
<b>351</b>	Inborn Errors of Metabolism (Metabolic Disorders)	Self-reported presence of inborn errors of metabolism diagnosed by a physician or reported by a physician or the physician's staff. Inborn errors of metabolism generally refers to gene mutations or gene deletions that alter metabolism in the body, including, but not limited to: phenylketonuria (PKU), maple syrup urine disease, Galactosemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, homocystinuria, tyrosinemia, histidinemia, urea cycle disorders, glutaric aciduria, methymalonic academia, glycogen storage disease, galactokinase deficiency, fructoaldolase deficiency, propionic academia, hypermethionemia and medium-chain acylCoA dehydronase (MCAD).	Infants and Children
<b>353</b>	Severe Food Allergies	An adverse health effects arising from a specific immune response that occurs reproducibly on exposure to a given food including dairy, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat or soy. May be assigned if self-reported that the disease/condition was diagnosed by a physician or physician's staff. Cannot be self-diagnosed.	Infants and Children
<b>362</b>	Developmental, Sensory or Motor Disabilities Interfering with the Ability to Eat (Developmental Sensory/Motor Delays)	Developmental, sensory or motor disabilities that restrict the ability to chew or swallow food or require tube feeding to meet nutritional needs. Disabilities include, but are not limited to, minimal brain function, feeding problems due to developmental disorder (PDD) which includes autism, birth injury, head trauma, brain damage or other disabilities. This risk code may be assigned if the participant/caregiver self-reports that the disease/condition was (cont.) diagnosed by a physician or the disease/condition is reported by a physician or the physician's staff.	Infants and Children