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Members aged 0 to 60 months receiving formula require *WIC-48* form submission

Healthy Blue is changing the policy to ensure that members between the ages of 0 to 60 months are enrolled with and are receiving services from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. In 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture sent out a memorandum to all providers that WIC is to be the primary payer and Medicaid the secondary payer unless the formula is a noncovered WIC formula. A link to this memorandum is as follows:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/medicaid-primary-payer-exempt-infant-formulas-and-medical-foods>.

Healthy Blue may be responsible for the requested difference of amounts covered by WIC. A list of WIC formulas are located at <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/center-phch/center-ph/nutrition/wic/physicianpage/exhibitawicformulary.pdf>.

If you have a patient that requires a formula not included on the WIC-approved formula list or if your patient requires more formula than WIC guidelines authorize, you can make a formal request to Healthy Blue. The request should be for formula not included on the WIC list and/or for formula requirements exceeding WIC guidelines.

If you are a pediatrician, pediatric specialist or a servicing DME provider requesting formula on behalf of your patient or client, please ensure that all requests for formula include the following items:

- A prior authorization form — available at <https://providers.healthybluela.com/la/pages/forms.aspx>
- A completed WIC form
- Any clinical documentation that supports the authorization request

If the above documents are not submitted, there may be a delay in processing the request for your patient.

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Case Management at **1-877-440-4065, ext. 106-103-5145**.

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