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## **Utah WIC Infant Formula Change**

(Salt Lake City, UT) – On October 1, 2007, all Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics throughout Salt Lake County (and the state of Utah) will begin providing Ross Similac Advance, instead of Mead Johnson Enfamil Lipil, as the primary standard contract infant formula. The formula change is the result of new contract negotiations (the current contract expires on September 30, 2007).

WIC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend human milk for optimal immunologic and nutrition benefits, however, in cases where breastfeeding exclusively is not possible, formula may be provided.

The multi-state contract is awarded to the company that best meets the terms of the application requirements and, as a result, infants enrolled in WIC who are on formula will receive Enfamil Lipil through September 30, 2007 and Similac Advance beginning on October 1, 2007. Both of these infant formulas are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and meet the standard nutrient requirements for infant formula.

Most infants should tolerate the switch from Enfamil Lipil to Similac Advance well. Parents may notice some changes in stool color and consistency. If parents are concerned about any changes that occur when their infants switch from Enfamil Lipil to Similac Advance, they should contact their local WIC clinic and ask to speak to a nutritionist. The Utah WIC Program is committed to excellence in providing nutrition services to all participants.

For more information about all of the available nutrition services in WIC clinics in Salt Lake County, including the new infant formula contract, contact Iliana MacDonald, WIC Coordinator for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department at 468-2735.

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