

Infants/Children/Women with Special Dietary Needs

Policy

Special Formula will be issued to clients that require the following because the use of conventional foods is precluded, restricted or inadequate to address their special nutritional needs:

- ✓ Infant formula prescribed to a child or woman
- ✓ Exempt infant formula or medical food prescribed to an infant, child or woman

Medical documentation from a health care provider specifying the clients' qualifying medical condition is required.

Health Care Provider

A health care provider is the client's physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

Qualifying Conditions

A qualifying condition includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Prematurity
- ✓ Low birth weight
- ✓ Failure to Thrive
- ✓ Inborn errors of metabolism
- ✓ Metabolic disorders
- ✓ Gastrointestinal disorders
- ✓ Malabsorption syndromes
- ✓ Immune system disorders
- ✓ Severe food allergies
- ✓ Life threatening disorders, diseases and medical condition

Non-Allowable Conditions

Food Package III will NOT be issued to infants for the following conditions:

- ✓ Formula intolerance or food allergy to lactose, sucrose, milk protein or soy protein that does not require the use of an exempt formula.
- ✓ A non-specific formula or food intolerance.
- ✓ Solely for the purpose of enhancing nutrition intake or managing body weight without an underlying medical condition.