

Retailer Advisory Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Conference call

State WIC Office Attendees: Paula Garrett, Megan Nason, Bob Altermatt, Brian Tun, Jennifer Trower, and Amy Romero.

Facilitator: Amy Romero

Recorder: Bob Altermatt

- The meeting began at 2:00pm
- Amy announced that we would no longer be taking roll call, but asked attendees to let her know if there was a reason to do so. She also requested that if anyone on the call asks a question or has a comment that they kindly introduce themselves before doing so.
- **Paula Garrett** (WIC Director) provided an update for the WIC division
 - We continue to operate under a continuing emergency declaration. Clinics may open in summer 2021 if conditions allow.
- **Megan Nason** (Program Manager) provided an update for the program
 - Studies continue regarding online shopping for WIC participants. Piloting states have not been announced.
 - Abbott has updated the container sizes of Similac Sensitive, Total Comfort, and Spit-up powder formulas. These changes do not impact the UPC or formulation, which means that no changes need to be made to participant benefits and either size can be purchased as stock of the old sizes is depleted. There will be no changes in reconstituted amounts or in the number of cans participants are issued. See below.

Formula Name	OLD Size	NEW Size
Similac Sensitive, powder	12.0 oz	12.5 oz
Similac Total Comfort, powder	12.0 oz	12.6 oz
Similac for Spit-Up, powder	12.0 oz	12.5 oz

- **Bob Altermatt** (Prevention Specialist) provided an update for the vendor team
 - Sanction scheduled has been updated and does include changes. Retailers will receive the new schedule along with a letter, please be sure to review it.
 - If any store has issues with supply chains, we are here to help. Please contact us if you have issues and need to change suppliers or add foods to the approved product list (APL).
- **Miscellaneous**, open to all
 - Email us at WIC_retailer@vdh.virginia.gov if you have any questions you didn't get to ask – or if you need to be added to our email list to receive information about the RAM calls in the future.
 - Remember the retailer webpage is here: www.virginiawicretailers.com
- **The Date for the Next Meeting is April 22, 2021 at 2:00pm**