



**TO: All Providers**

**RE: Requirements for Coverage of Over-the-Counter Nutritional Supplements for Clients Enrolled in the WIC Program and Medicaid**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide an update on changes that will be made with the Connecticut **WIC Program** and CT Medical Assistance (CMAP) Program. The Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, better known as the **WIC program**, provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion and support to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

**Effective December 1, 2021**, the Connecticut WIC Program will be adopting federal regulation that identifies Medicaid as the primary payor of Exempt (special/prescription) infant formula and medical foods for dually enrolled (WIC and Medicaid program) clients.

The Connecticut WIC program has a sole source contract with Abbott Laboratories® and provides the following standard formulas for healthy infants birth to 12 months of age whose mothers choose not to breastfeed or partially breastfeed:

- **Similac Advance**
- **Similac Isomil Soy**
- **Similac Sensitive**
- **Similac Total Comfort**
- **Similac For Spit Up** (with medical documentation)

The above standard formulas will continue to be covered by the WIC Program. Dually enrolled

clients requiring special formulas will be referred to Medicaid for coverage.

**Please note: There is no change as to how pharmacies will bill for nutritional supplements. A valid diagnosis code is still required for all nutritional supplements being billed to CMAP. There are a set of diagnosis codes specific to the under 21 population and a set of codes specific to the over 21 population.**

A list of all acceptable diagnosis codes can be found on our Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From the Home page go to Information → Publication → Provider Manuals and select Pharmacy for the provider type under Chapter 8. The diagnosis codes can be found in Section 8.5.