DATE: March 15, 2017
TO: WIC Coordinators
FROM: Rick Chiat, WIC Food Delivery Supervisor
SUBJECT: Infant Formula Rebate Contract Update

This memo is to update you on the status of the WIC infant formula rebate contract that will be in effect for any contract formula vouchers issued on or after October 1st. The infant formula bid was issued in January by the State of Texas, the lead state in the consortium of states to which we belong. The bid opening process occurred in February and 3 formula companies submitted a bid for both the milk-based and soy-based contract formulas. The companies included Abbott Nutrition, Mead Johnson and Gerber (Nestle).

The successful bidder for both the milk-based and soy-based infant formula rebate contracts that will take effect on October 1, 2017 will be: Abbott Nutrition. This contract award will mean that the new soy-based contract formula listed on any voucher issued on or after October 1st will be: Similac Soy Isomil. Since Abbott is our current infant formula rebate contractor for milk-based formulas, no change will be needed for any infant whom is receiving one of the Abbott Nutrition milk-based contract formulas.

We will provide additional guidance and materials before the change in the soy-based contract formula occurs. If you have any questions, please contact me at Rick.chiat@state.mn.us or 651/201-4401.