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Texas Medicaid Guidance in Response to Abbott Recall of Certain Powdered Formulas

Background:

Abbott has initiated a voluntary recall of specific lots of **Similac** products (including Alimentum, Total Comfort, Spit Up, and Sensitive), and EleCare **powdered formulas**. Isomil, Neosure and Similac PM 60/40 are not impacted. The voluntary recall is in response to consumer complaints related to Cronobacter sakazakii and Salmonella Newport.

Please see the recall notification on the Abbott website for additional information. [Abbott Voluntarily Recalls Powder Formulas Manufactured at One Plant - Feb 17, 2022](#)

Key Details:

MCOs must ensure that formula suppliers and other healthcare providers are aware of this recall. The recall will make it necessary for certain members to obtain powdered formula substitutes.

If a member contacts the MCO requesting a substitute powdered formula, the MCO must assist the member by connecting them to the appropriate provider and assisting all parties in coordinating the replacement at no cost to the member.

MCOs must have a process in place for suppliers to request powdered formulas. For existing prior authorizations of formulas affected by the recall, previously submitted documentation supporting medical necessity is sufficient to request the substitute powdered formula.

Additional Information:

A provider notice has been published at <https://www.tmhp.com/>
FAQs - WIC Health Partner site <https://texaswic.org/health-partners>

Resources:

<https://abbott.mediaroom.com/2022-02-17-Abbott-Voluntarily-Recalls-Powder-Formulas-Manufactured-at-One-Plant>

<https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/fda-investigation-cronobacter-and-salmonella-complaints-powdered-infant-formula-february-2022>

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