

Food package conversion - changing from old to new food packages

- All vouchers printed thru 7/31 will be the old food packages (even those for Aug, Sept, Oct)
- All vouchers printed after 8/2 will be the for the new food packages.

Conversion of data and TWIST software occurs 8/1-2

- During that weekend, TWIST will look at the unprinted food packages assigned to each participant and one of two things will happen:
 - TWIST will match Old package X to New package X and make the change in the participant's record; or,
 - TWIST will find there is no package that matches and will send the participant to be manually assigned a food package by a state staff person.
- Each agency will get a report of participants that had to be manually assigned a food package.

Important notes to remember

- Food amounts and formula maxes have changed and the new food packages assigned will reflect the new food or formula amounts. Some participants will get more formula, some less.
- Food package changes may result in some postpartum women being terminated after their last printed vouchers.
- The new food packages assigned during conversion are a starting place for discussions with participants or their caregivers. The first time the participant picks up vouchers after conversion, you may need to talk with the participant and make changes to the food package assignments before printing vouchers.

Think before you print! – can't mix old and new

- After conversion you will be unable to mix old food package vouchers with new food package vouchers in the same month.
 - Example: Participant wants to change from the old food package vouchers to new food packages. The entire old food package will be replaced with an entire new food package.
 - You will not be able to replace partial packages of old food packages.
 - Voided old food package vouchers must be replaced with new food packages.

Food Package Conversion Rules

Here are the rules that were applied when making decisions about how food packages should convert.

- For infants, TWIST will start with the baby’s current food package and change them to the closest package appropriate for their age. Then TWIST will change them to the new infant category that matches that amount of formula issuance. After the infant has converted, TWIST will change the mom to the category that matches the infant’s new category, and then change her food package to match her new category. This may result in some mom’s being terminated.

If the old package:	The new package assigned is:
Was a standard food package for their category	The standard food package for their category
Included a milk alternative such as goat milk, powdered milk, etc.	The closest milk module for the category which includes the same milk alternative
Did not include any milk or cheese	Includes no milk module, and a standard food module for the category
Did not include any milk, but did include cheese (e.g. 2, 3, 4 lb)	The standard milk and food modules for the category
Included milk but no cheese	The closest milk module with no cheese, and a standard food module
Included formula	The closest formula module for their category with the same brand and type of formula
Was for a child or woman receiving medical foods or formulas	The closest medical food or formula module, and no food module
Was for an infant 7-12 months of age receiving 1 can of powdered formula over the max for the new IB category	The IB max formula module (the infant remains an IB which allows the mother to stay a WB and continue to receive a food package)
Was for an infant 7-12 months of age receiving 1-4 cans of concentrate formula over the max for the new IB category	The IB max formula module (the infant remains an IB which allows the mother to stay a WB and continue to receive a food package)
Was for an IB or IN infant receiving juice and cereal only	The standard food module for the IE category (The infant changes to IE category)
Was for an infant 7-12 months of age not currently receiving juice and cereal with formula	The closest formula module for the category and the standard food module