## Job Aid Infant Formula Decision Process

## Consider the following when using the Decision Process Diagram/Flowchart on the next page:

- Breastfeeding is encouraged for all infants. For women who choose not to, or are unable to breastfeed, infant formula is available. Most infants do well on any milk-based formula. These infants should be issued our rebated milk-based formula. All formulas other than our rebated milk-based and soy-based formulas, require the <a href="Oregon Medical Documentation form">Oregon Medical Documentation form</a> to be completed by the infant's health care provider.
- Issues of diarrhea and constipation are not included on the Decision Process diagram. Refer to <u>Lesson 2-1 Gastrointestinal Issues</u>, page 53, in this module for more information on these topics.
- If an infant comes into WIC on a soy-based formula, is tolerating it well and it is the family preference to stay with a soy-based formula, that is a personal preference that WIC can provide.
- This decision tree helps support the Oregon Medical Documentation form and is intended to help WIC staff understand the connection between qualifying conditions and requests for special medical formulas.
- ◆ If you have questions regarding a formula, consult your local agency WIC Nutritionist/Dietitian or State Nutrition Consultant.
- WIC does not provide formula for infants while they are hospitalized.
- When possible, consider short term issuance of a special medical formula and work with the health care provider and your local agency WIC Nutritionist/Dietitian to determine appropriateness of transitioning back to our rebated milk-based formula.
- Refer to the Job Aids, Standard Infant Formula and Medical Formulas for more information on the current bid formulas.

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## **Infant Formula Decision Process** Infant's health status: Refer to Job Aid: Issue bid intolerance Known medical condition requiring a special medical formula **Medical Formulas for** Yes formula Born before 34 weeks and birth weight of < 4.5 lbs. (2000 grams) **Qualifying Conditions** No Vegan or preference for soy-Issue rebated soy-based formula based formula? No Tolerating formula? Issue rebated milk-based formula Yes Yes No No Fussy, gassy or spitting up? Yes Yes Explore: · Mixing and storage of formula Trial bid intolerance Issue resolved? No Issue resolved? • Volume of formula offered formula Positioning • Hunger/fullness cues