Food Package and Module definitions

Every enrolled participant receives a food package. To assign those food packages foods are grouped into Modules in the data system. This job aid defines the types of Food Packages and the Modules used to assign them.

Food Packages

Every enrolled participant is assigned a food package. A food package is made up of a combination of foods, and formula that is appropriate for their age, participant category, nutrition risks, and preferences.

There are four types of food packages: Standard, Non-standard, Modified, and Partial.

Standard Food Package

Standard food packages are those food packages automatically assigned to a participant by the WIC data system. data system. The standard food package contains the monthly maximum amount (MMA) of foods allowed by federal regulations for the participant category.

Non-Standard Food Packages

A non-standard food package is a food package assigned using a template in the data system that is not the default template for Module A or Module B foods. For example:

- A soy or plant-based milk template is used to assign foods for Module A
- A no eggs template is used to assign foods for Module B.

All non-standard food package templates can be assigned and forecasted through the end of the current certification period for the participant.

Modified Food Packages

Modified food packages do not have a template that meets the participant's needs. A modified food package can be built from any of the templates available in the data system. This means the foods in a template have been changed. Examples include:

- Reducing milk by 1 quart (qt) to increase yogurt to 2 containers (ctrs)
- Reducing the amount of soy or plant-based beverages by 2 qts to add 2 ctrs of tofu.

A "modified" food package is created by using the "Modify" pop-up on the Food Package Assignment screen. Modified food packages cannot be forecasted.

Partial Food Packages

Partial food packages are issued for new participants starting on the 20th of the month. A partial food package has reduced amounts of food to reflect the partial month of issuance.
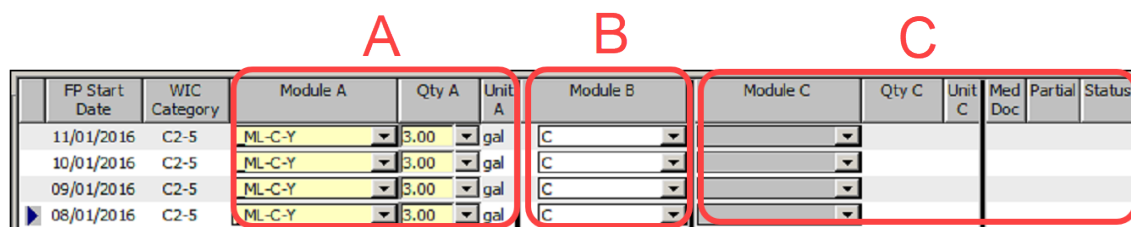
Food Package Modules in the data system

The WIC data system, TWIST, groups the foods in each food package together in smaller units called modules. These are found on the Food Package Assignment Screen in the data system. Each module contains a different group of foods. Modules A and B are used to manage standard, non-standard, and modified food packages. Module C works as a modified food package.

Module A: milk and milk equivalents or infant formula module.

Module B: food module

Module C: medical formula for adults and children

CPAs and Clerks work primarily with Modules A and B. Module C is most often used by the WIC Nutritionist to manage specialty formulas and supplements.

Information about assigning foods using Module A and Module B is available in the job aid for each module.