

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 [Oregon Medical Documentation form](#) 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 [Lesson 2-1 ■ Gastrointestinal Issues](#), 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.

Infant Formula Decision Process

