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TO: WIC Coordinators
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SUBJECT: **WIC Policy Update 2025-01**

MAJOR REVISIONS: *Policies with content changes that impact local agency functions. Please review all policies with major revisions.*

Policy 713 – Breastfeeding: Use of Supplemental Formula

- Added inclusive language throughout and updated wording to be consistent among policies, match definitions with USDA, and match the AAP's current recommendation on breastfeeding duration.
- Removed explanation regarding why WIC doesn't allow formula for breastfeeding babies less than one month of age.
- Added reference links to the Food and Nutrition Services tailoring calculator, WIC Infant Formula and to the USDA WIC Breastfeeding Support website.
- Updated section on breastfeeding assessment:
 - Added a definition for breastfeeding assessment.
 - Clarified a breastfeeding assessment is required before issuing supplemental formula.
 - Updated documentation requirements and provided examples of documentation.
- **Action needed:** Training provided in the 2024 Breastfeeding In-service released 10/31/2024. CPAs must complete the in-service by 11/30/2024 or before issuing the new 0-3 Month Food Package.

WIC policies can be viewed online at:

oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/WIC/Pages/wicpolicy.aspx

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