

Update on shortage of specialized infant formula

Importation of United States-labelled Similac Alimentum Infant Formula (6 x 946 mL bottles) due to shortage of specialized infant formula

Due to the shortage of extensively hydrolyzed infant formulas in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the importation from the United States of Abbott Nutrition's **Similac Alimentum Infant Formula**. **This product is to be kept behind the counter of the pharmacy.**

Note: Supply of this imported **Similac Alimentum Infant Formula** is expected to arrive in Alberta the week of June 20, 2022, and will be distributed through wholesalers such as McKesson.

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

To ensure coverage is provided for this product, for members of eligible government-sponsored drug programs, **a temporary Product Identification Number has been assigned to this (US) Similac Alimentum Infant Formula (PIN: 00999299).**

As of **June 20, 2022**, all claims for the above product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$0.0059 per mL**.

Abbott Nutrition's imported **Similac Alimentum Infant Formula** carton and package leaflet in French and English have been published by Health Canada and are available at the following links. These documents should be printed and provided to families when this product is dispensed.

- English: canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/interim-policy-importation-sale-infant-formula-human-milk-fortifiers-metabolic-products/similac-alimentum-946-ml.html
- French: canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/politiques/politique-temporaire-importation-vente-preparations-nourrissons-fortifiants-lait-humain-produits-metaboliques/similac-alimentum-946-ml.html

Reminder – importation of United States-labelled Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant due to shortage of specialized infant formula

Due to the shortage of extensively hydrolyzed infant formulas in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the importation from the United States of Mead Johnson's **Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula**. **This product is to be kept behind the counter of the pharmacy.**

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Addition of Temporary Benefit to the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)

To ensure coverage is provided for this product, for members of eligible government-sponsored drug programs, **a temporary Product Identification Number has been assigned to this (US) Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula (PIN: 00999300).**

As of **June 13, 2022**, all claims for the above product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$0.0217 per mL**.

Mead Johnson's imported **Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula** carton and package leaflet in French and English have been published by Health Canada and are available at the following links. These documents should be printed and provided to families when this product is dispensed.

- English: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/interim-policy-importation-sale-infant-formula-human-milk-fortifiers-metabolic-products/enfamil-nutramigen.html>
- French: <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/politiques/politique-temporaire-importation-vente-preparations-nourrissons-fortifiants-lait-humain-produits-metaboliques/enfamil-nutramigen.html>

Alberta Blue Cross will continue to monitor the availability of the shorted products and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers, and Health Canada to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)
403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)
1-800-361-9632 (toll free)
FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)
FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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