

Importation of UK-labelled Alfamino Infant Formula Powder and US-labelled Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder due to shortages of specialized infant formula

Due to the shortages of specialized infant formulas in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the importation of Nestle Health's UK-labelled Alfamino Infant Formula Powder and US-labelled Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder. **These products are to be kept behind the counter of the pharmacy.**

Note: Supply of these imported formulas are now available for sale and are distributed through [McKesson](#).

Please note that the online *Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.html is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

To ensure coverage is provided for this product, for members of eligible government-sponsored drug programs, a temporary Product Identification Number (PIN) has been assigned.

As of **August 3, 2022**, all claims for the below product will be adjudicated to the following prices per gram.

Temporary PIN	Product description	Unit price
00999298	Alfamino Infant Formula Powder	\$ 0.1601

Nestle Health Science's imported **Alfamino Infant Formula Powder** package leaflet in French and English have been published by Health Canada and are available at the following links.

- **English:** canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/interim-policy-importation-sale-infant-formula-human-milk-fortifiers-metabolic-products/sma-alfamino-400-g-can.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/sma-alfamino-400-g-boite.html

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

As of **August 3, 2022**, all claims for the below product will be adjudicated to the following prices per gram.

Temporary PIN	Product description	Unit price
00999296	Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder	\$ 0.0441

Nestle Health Science's imported **Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula** package leaflet in French and English have been published by Health Canada and are available at the following links.

- **English:** canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/interim-policy-importation-sale-infant-formula-human-milk-fortifiers-metabolic-products/gerber-extensive-ha.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/gerber-extensive-ha.html

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Additional resources:

- Health Canada has developed an information package containing resources relevant to the daily practice of pharmacists during the shortage. These resources were collated on the Canadian Pharmacists Association website at pharmacists.ca/news-events/news/hypoallergenic-infant-formula-shortage-information-for-pharmacy-professionals/. Available information includes the following:
 - A Health Canada fact sheet (canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/infant-care/infant-formula/shortage.html) - about the shortage) with advice for families during the shortage. This may help you answer questions from concerned parents.
 - Typical formula consumption amounts for healthy term infants
 - A list of all infant formula that could be found during the shortage, along with estimated timing of next shipments and the UPC to help you search for these formulas.**
 - A list of distributors for provinces.**
 - Label information for formula imported during the shortage
- As a reminder, Alberta Health Services has launched a website to assist with facilitating communication with health care professionals about the infant formula shortage in Alberta. Please check this page regularly for updated documents and available links.
 - Infant Formula Shortage—Information for Health Professionals albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page18039.aspx

Summary of temporary benefits added to the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)

Temporary PIN	Product description	Unit price
00999296	Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder	\$ 0.0441
00999300	Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula	\$ 0.0217
00999299	(US) Similac Alimentum Infant Formula	\$ 0.0059

Summary of temporary benefit added to the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Temporary PIN	Product Description	Unit Price
00999298	Alfamino Infant Formula Powder	\$ 0.1601

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)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims.

Visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php

