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TO: Service Region Administrators
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SUBJECT: Infant Formula National Shortage

The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide information from the Department for Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS has provided resource links and helpful tips regarding the shortage of infant formula in the United States.

DHHS offers the following helpful tips to manage formula shortages safely such as:

- Do not dilute infant formula as doing so may result in nutritional deficit or health issues.
- Avoid homemade formula as this may lack critical nutrients which may result in hypocalcemia (low calcium).
- The use of substitute formula is acceptable when the infant's regular brand is not available.
- Talk to your doctor about your infant's specialized formula needs or with questions regarding substitutions.

Additional resources have also been provided by the [Food Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#), [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#), and the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) through the [DHHS notification from May 13, 2022](#). Please share this information as appropriate.

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